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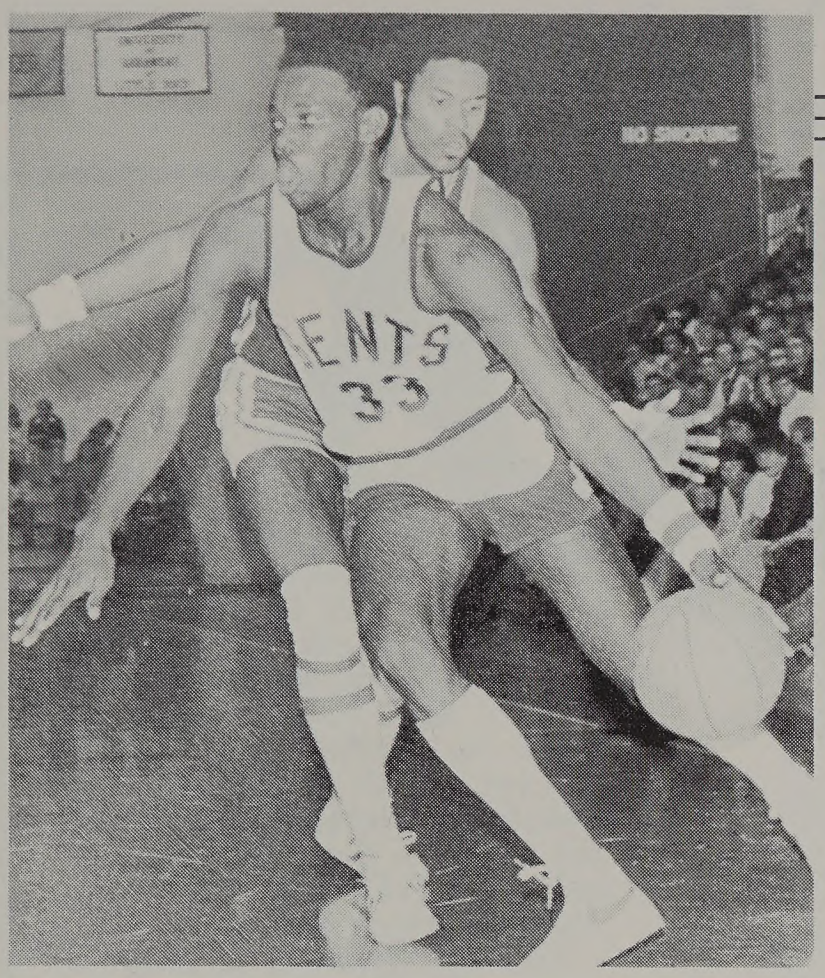

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GENT GUIDES

ABOUT GEORGIA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Georgia Southern College was picked to finish sixth in the Trans America Athletic Conference by the Coaches and Sports Information Directors but after the Eagles defeated Arkansas-Little Rock (defending TAAC champions and team picked to repeat its crown) in Statesboro last Tuesday night 75-70, the Eagles will be a contender before the season ends.

The Eagles bring a 7-8 overall record and 3-4 TAAC record into tonight's game, excluding a TAAC game with Samford University Saturday night.

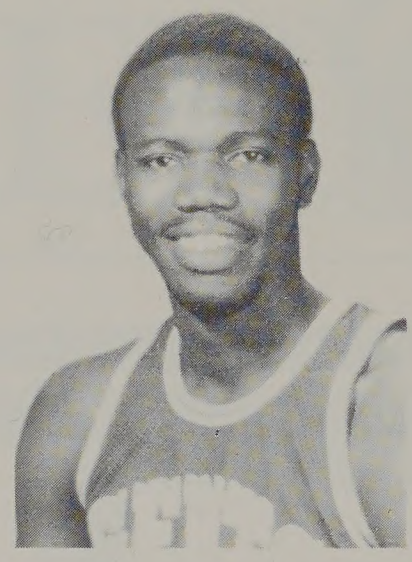
Prior to the revitalization of the slumping Eagle program, the Eagles had won 10 of 67 games. Under second year head coach Frank Kerns, Georgia Southern vaulted to the fourth most improved team in NCAA Division I last year.

Leading the Eagles this year is Eric Hightower, a former junior college standout at Lade City Community College, who is averaging 13.7 points per game. Denis Murphy, a 6-5, 175-pound, senior forward, is averaging 11.3 points, and Lafayette Adams, a 6-6, 190 pound, senior forward, is averaging 8.5 points per game.

This will be the sixth meeting between these two schools with Centenary leading the series 4-1. The Gents won two of the three last year, splitting during the regular season. Centenary's last victory came during the first round of the TAAC tournament when the Gents took a 70-69 victory. Georgia Southern's last win came in Statesboro last year when the Eagles defeated the Gents in overtime 67-66...

JACKSON 10th IN THE NATION

Centenary's All-America candidate Willie Jackson showered his way into the nation's top ten in scoring last week scoring 112 points in four games and raising his season average to 23.2 points per game.



Jackson was 14th in the nation the week before but moved up four notches after scoring 34 points against Northeast Louisiana, 22 points against Houston Baptist, 29 points against Oklahoma State, and 27 points against Northwestern State. During his four game scoring burst he averaged 28.0 points per game...

Jackson, a 6-6 small forward from Heflin, La., was also named the TAAC Co-Player of the Week for his performance during the week. In addition to scoring 28 points per game, Jackson grabbed 28 rebounds for a 9.3 per game average. He also passed out six assists, had three blocked shots, and picked up four steals...

After scoring 24 points against Arkansas-Little Rock, Jackson has accumulated 1,524 career points and ranks third on the Centenary all-time scoring list behind Robert Parish (2,334 points) and Tom Kerwin(1,910 points). Since the 1982-83 season started he has passed eight players on the all-time scoring list...

TAAC LEADERS

Centenary's Willie Jackson leads the TAAC in scoring and rebounding with a 23.2 and 10.1 per game average, respectively. Jackson is also ranked fifth in free throw percentage connecting on 73 of 102 shots for a .715 percentage...

Eric "Bad News" Bonner is eighth in scoring with a 13.9 average, sixth in rebounding grabbing 6.9 rebounds per game, and fourth in field goal shooting making 75 of 135 from the field for a .555 percentage...

Napoleon Byrdsong is third in assists with 70 assists in 14 games for a 5.0 per game average. Byrdsong ranks first on the Centenary all-time assists list with 522 career assists...

NEXT TIME OUT

The Gents will play their next five games on the road beginning with Mercer University on Wednesday, January 26; the University of Central Florida on Friday, January 28; Samford University on Thursday, February 3; Georgia Southern on Saturday, February 5; and Houston Baptist on Saturday, February 12...

Centenary returns home to close out the regular season with five straight TAAC games beginning with a 7:45 tipoff with Hardin-Simmons University on Saturday, February 17...

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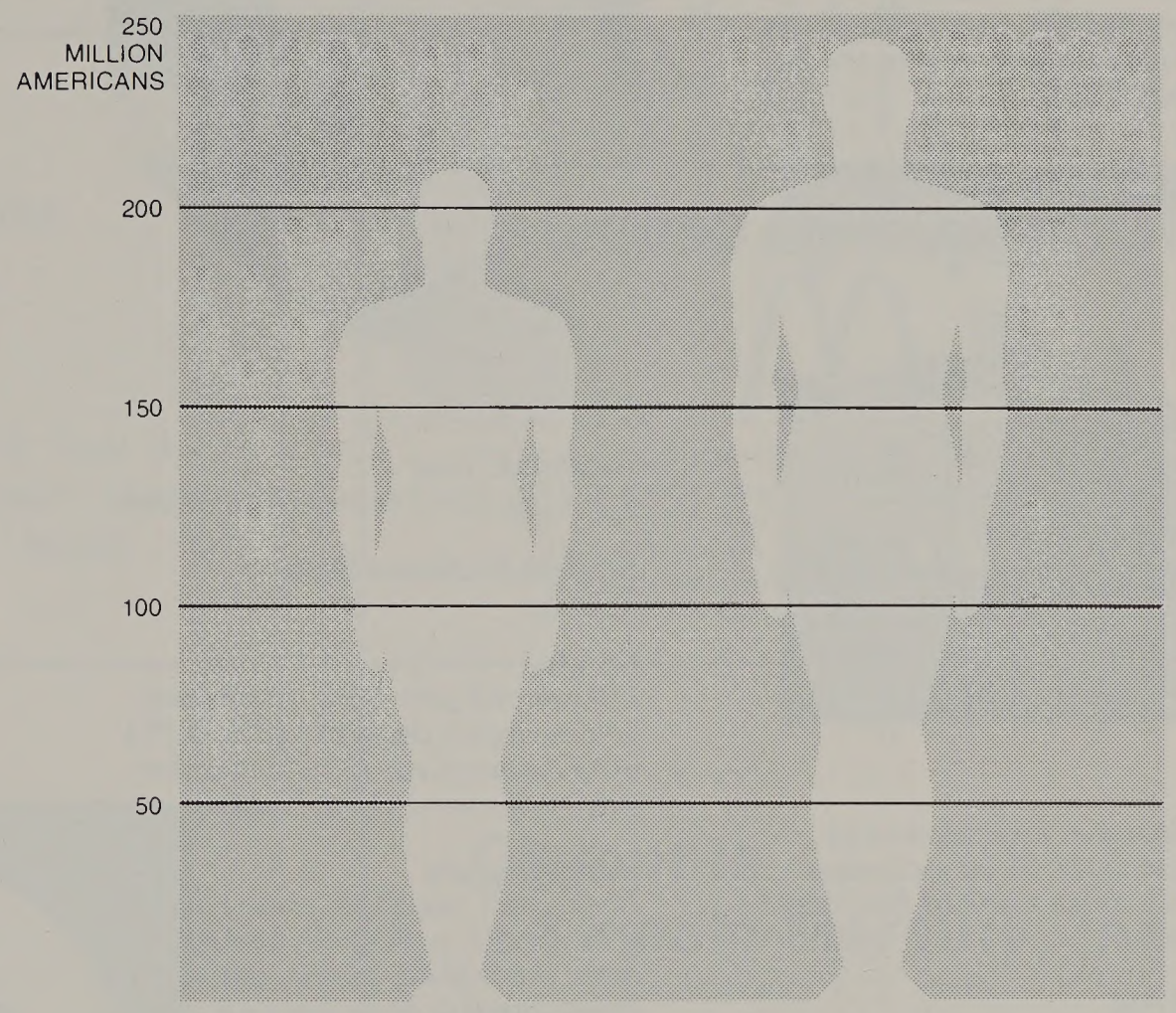

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about the college...

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Founded
1825, Jackson, La.; moved to Shreveport in 1908. Centenary is the oldest private college west of the Mississippi River.

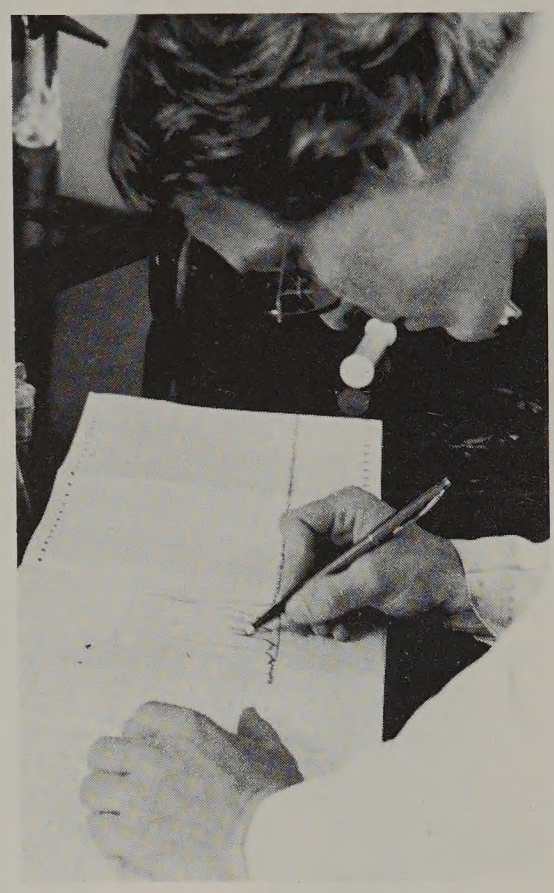
Campus
Stately Georgian architecture on naturally wooded 65-acre campus located two miles south of downtown Shreveport.

Financial Aid
Over $1,000,000 awarded annually in scholarships, grants, loans, and part-time jobs. Over 60 percent of Centenary's students receive financial aid.

Enrollment
984 undergraduates; 521 graduate students (1,505)

Degrees
Associate Degree; Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science; 34 subject areas; 10 Pre-Professional programs including Pre-Law, Pre-Med, Petroleum Land Management, and Mathematics/Computer Science; 12 Career Preparation Programs, Masters Degrees in Education and Business Administration.

Religious Affiliation
Institution of the United Methodist Church. Students, faculty, and staff represent all faiths.



Academic Year
4-1-4 (modified semester calendar)

Student-Professor Ratio
14 to 1

Faculty
110 full and part-time; 71 percent hold terminal degrees; 12 hold Phi Beta Kappa Key; 13 hold membership in Omicron Delta Kappa.

Varsity Sports
Basketball, baseball, cross country, golf, tennis, volleyball, and riflery for men; basketball, tennis, gymnastics, cross country, and riflery for women.

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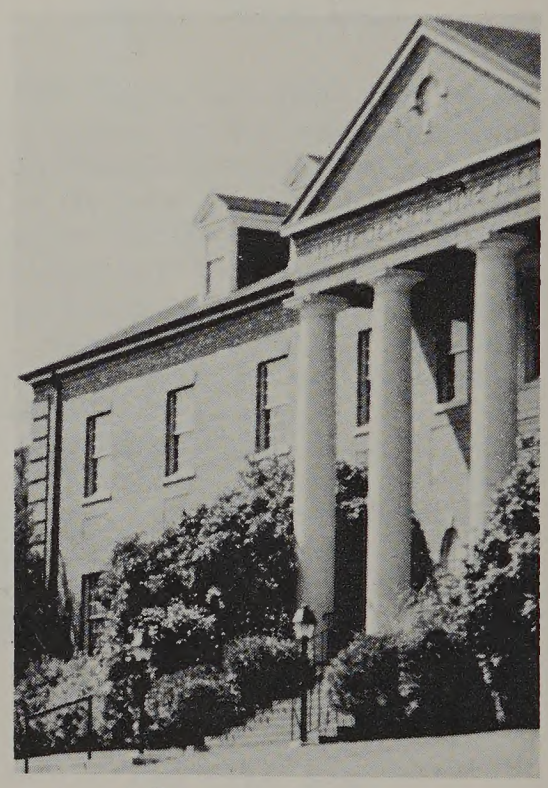

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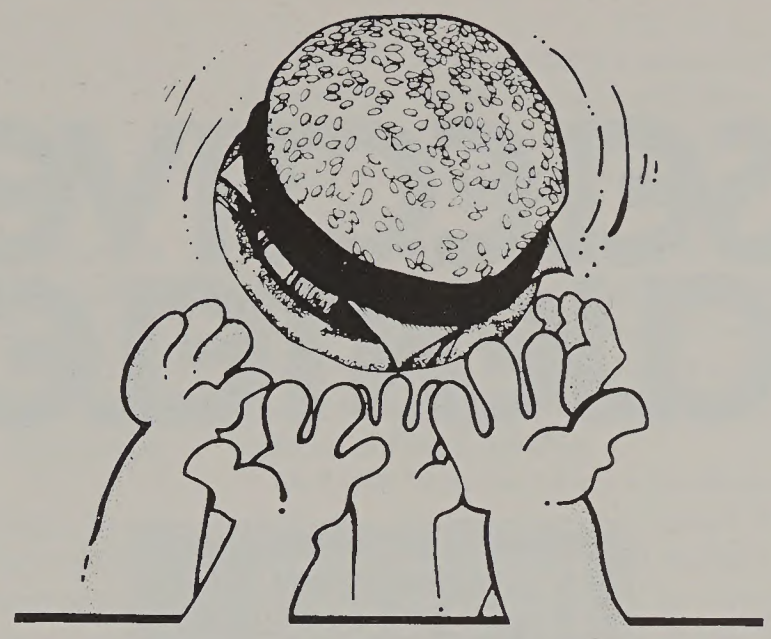

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That is why we put the College's heart and full resources into it: athletics enables excellence, and we are committed to that.

As for the daybreak bit, come to the Gold Dome Complex, and hear the support. The image that springs to mind is Kipling's, "the dawn come up like thunder." Athletics draws better than anything the enthusiasm of the campus and the city, and provides a fine focus for both their recreation and their common loyalty. Athletics creates a good community, and we are committed to that.

Don Webb.

In 1977 as Centenary's new president, Donald A. Webb brought with him those traditions of excellence and pride of community to which the College is so deeply committed.

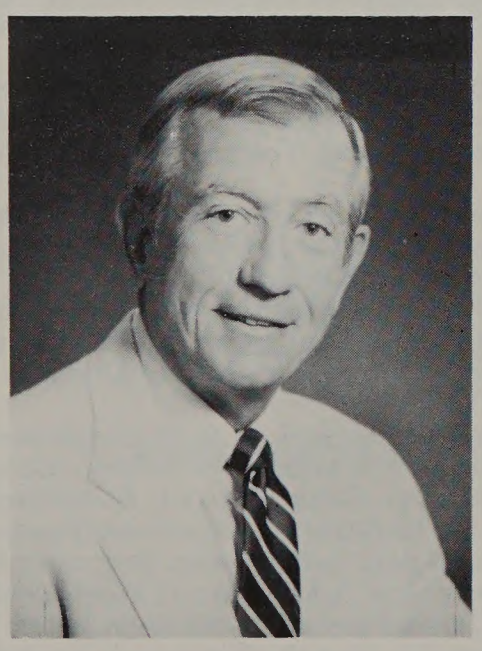
Born in Wales and raised in England, President Webb was educated at King's school in Peterborough, and at Cambridge University. He spent eight years in the Royal Navy, the last three as commanding officer of HMS Switha.

In 1958 he brought his wife, Renee, and their five children to the United States; and after graduating with honors from Ohio Wesleyan University, he earned his Master of Divinity Degree from Methodist Theological School. In 1966, he earned his Ph.D. in Literature and Theology from Drew University, where he also coached the rugby team.

He served as Vice President and Professor of Theology and Literature of the Methodist Theological School for 10 years before coming to Centenary as president.

Since that time, Dr. Webb has made a distinct impression on Centenary and the community as a man of committment - at work and at play.

walt stevens
athletic director



Walter C. Stevens Jr., beginning his second year as Centenary College's athletic director, is the man responsible for coordinating activities and fund raising for the athletic department.

A native of Macon, Ga., the retired Air Force Colonel of 30 years graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1951. He later earned a Masters at Louisiana Tech.

In his one-year service at Centenary, Stevens has been instrumental in the completion of a new six-court $180,000 tennis complex and the paving of parking areas close to the Gold Dome Complex.

"Adequate all-weather parking for our spectators has long been a problem," Stevens said of the parking situation at Centenary. "We have come a long way toward solving that problem."

The 53-year-old Stevens came to Centenary in February of 1981 and went to work as the Development Counselor in charge of raising academic and athletic scholarships. The following August he was appointed athletic director.

"We believe Centenary athletics are a cause for excitement, as these programs are the only source for intercollegiate sports in Shreveport-Bossier," Stevens said of the importance of athletics at Centenary.

"In 1982-83, we will sponsor eight men's sports (basketball, baseball, cross country, golf, riflery, soccer, tennis and volleyball), and four women's (basketball, cross country, tennis and gymnastics). The Gents will again compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I, as will the Ladies in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)."

Stevens coached freshman basketball and baseball from 1957-60 at Georgia Tech and studied under the legendary Bobby Dodd, who coached at Georgia Tech for 30 years.

He is married to the former Caroline Stillwell of Macon, Ga. They have five children; two sons, Walter III and William, and three daughters Norma, Paula and Katherine.

head basketball coach

tommy canterbury

When Centenary College head basketball coach Tommy Canterbury took over the Gents' sagging basketball program during the middle of the 1977 season, he knew it would take time to build a winning program at the smallest NCAA Division I school in America.

Now, five years and 130 games later, Canterbury's hard work and long hours have paid off. He has put together three straight winning seasons, a feat only three other coaches in Centenary history have accomplished.

F.H. "Buss" Delaney put together three consecutive winning seasons from 1953-55, followed by Harold Mooty, who won three consecutive seasons from 1956-58, and then Larry Little, who won five consecutive seasons from 1972-76.

It was tough in the beginning for the 35-year-old Ruston native. The team was losing, attendance figures were on the decline, and community support was at its lowest level since the Little years.

However, Canterbury wanted and accepted the challenge with the vigor and eagerness of a rookie in his first day in the big leagues. He took over the 1977 team and wound up with a 6-9 finish.

During his second year, Canterbury's first full season, his team struggled to a disappointing 9-20 record. After one and a half years he was 15-29. Even though his record was down, he knew positive things were soon to come for Centenary.

The first move he made in turning the program around was to hire one of the best assistant coaches in Louisiana, Tommy Vardeman, after then assistant coach Ron Kestenbaum accepted the head coaching job at Arkansas-Little Rock.

The next step Canterbury took in revitalizing the program was to recruit area players. He wanted players the community could identify with both geographically and socially.

During the 1979-80 season Canterbury put together his first winning season recording a 15-14 record, including the Trans America Athletic Conference tournament championship, ending the season with a seven-game winning streak, the longest in Division I at that time.

His team finished the 1980-81 season with a 16-12 mark for his second straight winning season. For the fourth consecutive year he improved the number of wins from the previous year. And once again he finished high in the TAAC tournament championship, losing to Houston Baptist by one point in the semifinal game.

After two straight winning seasons, Canterbury saw the Centenary basketball program taking off. The TAAC received its second straight automatic bid from the NCAA, and that meant national recognition for the school, but the Gents fell one game short, losing to Northeast Louisiana in the TAAC tournament championship game.

Even though the Gents didn't make the NCAA tournament, they still came through with the school's third straight winning season with a 17-12 record, one game better than the previous year.

Canterbury has done a remarkable job at Centenary. After five years he has posted a 63-67 record and he stands a good chance of going over the .500 mark for the first time in his collegiate coaching career.

Although his won-loss record has kept Canterbury from being recognized as one of the top coaches in the country, his five-year tenure at Centenary has produced a spirit of enthusisam for basketball that hadn't existed in the Shreveport-Bossier community for a long time.

He has been successful in recruiting blue-chip prospects and bringing them to Centenary. He recruited the player of the year and newcomer of the year in George Lett and Cherokee Rhone in the TAAC during the 1979-80 season. Then he had the newcomer of the year in Willie Jackson during the 1980-81 season, and last year he had the player of the year in Jackson.

In addition, he currently leads the league in most victories by a TAAC coach in the tournament games with a 6-2 record. He has finished first, third and second his last three years in the TAAC tournament.

Canterbury has been the key in the Gents' turnaround. He has the Gents on a winning schedule, attendance at the Gold Dome is at an all-time high, and community support is growing annually.

"This community is the opportunity," Canterbury emphasizes every time he talks about the success he's had the last three years. "The reason we can attract top prospects like Willie Jackson and Cherokee Rhone, and now Albert Thomas and Vance Hughes, is the offerings of the Shreveport-Bossier community. Essentially, they're the ones that make it happen.

"Our crowds are basically college students and boosters. These are the best type of fans. Sometimes they are not your typical, active, spirited group, but we have spent some time promoting spirit, and they have really responded and are now very active."

Promoting college basketball is big business, and it takes a special person to coach, recruit, and promote successfully. Coach Canterbury handles all three, very well. He has become involved not only at the local level, but also at the national level.

He is now serving a term as vice-president of the Lousiana Association of Basketball Coaches; he's an active member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches; and he has become personal friends with big-time coaches around the country.

Through his professionalism, he has really developed over the past five years, and he knows what the fans want. Still one of the youngest coaches in America, Tommy is filling the stands at Centenary.

In 1978, his first full year, the Gents averaged 1,304 fans per game. Last year, the Gents averaged 1,994 fans per game. That's a 75 per cent increase in four years.

Another area of the program Canterbury is responsible for improving is the schedule. When he first came to Centenary, the Gents had backed away from playing the big Division I schools.

Now, however, the Gents are locked in with Southwest Conference powers Arkansas and Southern Methodist, along with Big Eight power Oklahoma State and two Southland Conference members North Texas State and Northeast Louisiana. In addition, the Gents will play two schools that were in last year's post season tournament, Arkansas and Northeast.

It's been a rough ride for Canterbury along the way, but he's adjusted and now sits comfortably atop the Centenary basketball program, and with a little luck, his goal of playing in the NCAA post season tournament is only a season away.

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assistant basketball coaches

tommy vardeman

Tommy Vardeman stands an imposing 6-4 and weighs 210 pounds. No, he won't be a starting forward for the Gents this year, but his presence on and off the floor will surely be felt.

Ever since he joined head coach Tommy Canterbury in 1980 as an important cog in the Centenary basketball brain-trust, the Gents have posted three consecutive winning seasons. In those three years Centenary won the Trans America Athletic Conference tournament title in 1980 and finished as the runner-up last March.

The Center, Texas native, who is known for his quick wit and radiant wardrobe, has been coaching basketball for 16 seasons. He has never been associated with a losing program in any of his years as a coach.

Vardeman's coaching career began at Cleveland High School in Cleveland, Texas. He spent the next three years at Crosby, Channelview, and Liberty-Eylau, where his teams compiled an overall record of 76-36.

While handling the graduate assistant position at Louisiana Tech in 1970, Vardeman completed a Master's in Education. After one season as head mentor at Missouri Baptist Junior College and two more at Henderson State University in Arkansas, Tommy V. returned as head assistant at Louisiana Tech for the next four years.

After a brief stint in the wholesale jewelry business where he "played a lot of golf, but just fooled around with jewelry," Vardeman called the tartan surface of the Gold Dome Complex his home.

Because of his height and wardrobe, Tommy has never had any trouble standing out in a crowd. However, during last season when the Gents finished 17-12, Vardeman decided to hang-up his glow-in-the-dark outfits, for more moderate duds. It will be back to normal for Vardeman this year because he felt like he was "playing without his game uniform on."

Vardeman wore the purple and white of Stephen F. Austin and starred there for three seasons. He received a B.S. in Education in 1965. He is married to the former Sharon Croker of Garland, Texas. They are the parents of two daughters, Juli 15 and Jennifer 12.

greg haddox

After earning four letters as a Centenary Gent basketballer, Greg Haddox became a member of the Centenary triumvirate along with head coach Tommy Canterbury and assistant coach Tommy Vardeman last summer.

A native of Ruston, Louisiana, Haddox prepped at Cedar Creek High School. Cedar Creek captured the Louisiana Independent School Association (LISA) State Championship three straight years while he was there.

His best game as a Gent came in his last outing of his collegiate career against Northeast Louisiana in the Trans America Athletic Conference finals at Monroe, Louisiana. "Henry" was six of six from the floor and ended his career with a game-high 12 points.

Haddox reflects that his greatest sports moment was beating those same Indians 79-77, to win the TAAC tournament championship in 1980, during his freshman year at Centenary.

"This is a great opportunity for me," Haddox said in reference to being an assistant coach at Centenary. "It's something I've always wanted to do, and I know I'll enjoy coaching with two of my best friends, Tommy Canterbury and Tommy Vardeman."

A graduate of Centenary in 1982, his responsibilities will include recruiting, scouting and on-the-floor coaching. Having Haddox on the staff will allow Canterbury and Vardeman the luxury of more time with the players during the season.

Greg married the former Miss Debbie Smith of Ruston, Louisiana.

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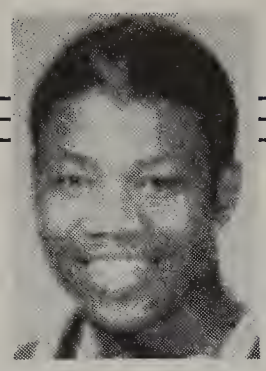

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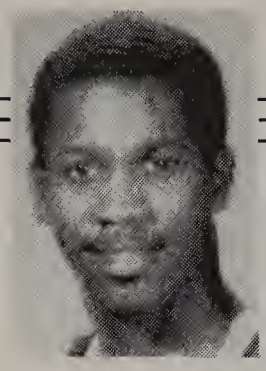
5-11, 150, SENIOR GUARD, LONGVIEW HIGH SCHOOL, LONGVIEW, TX: High School Coach: Laroy Romines; Birthdate: August 26, 1962; Parents: Dr. Napoleon and Mrs. Byrdsong, Jr.; Sisters: 1; Major: Pre-Dentistry; . . . Became Gents' all-time assist leader last year in the first half of an 82-80 home victory over Samford when he passed off to Reggie Hurd for his 424th career assist. . . Passed Barry McLeod, who was the previous leader with 423. . . Has been a three-year starter and letterman. . . Played key role in team winning the 1980 TAAC tournament championship. . . Started in 26 games last year. . . Named to the honorable mention TAAC all-conference team the last two years. . . Individual TAAC assist leader with 148 assists in 26 games for a 5.7 per game average. . . Handed out a season high 12 assists against TAAC members Mercer and Northeast. . . Scored a season high 19 points in 88-71 home victory over Northeast. . . Was key playmaker in victory over Samford scoring 14 points and handing out 8 assists. . . Second on team in steals with 41 last year. . . Averaged 5.4 points and 1.9 rebounds per game last year. . . Three-year letterman in high school. . . Selected to the all-district team final prep year. . . Voted "Most Valuable Player" by his teammates senior year. . . Averaged 10.2 points and 9.2 assists per game final year in high school.



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6-1, 170, SOPHOMORE GUARD, SOUTH OAK CLIFF HIGH SCHOOL, DALLAS, TX: Henry Warren; Birthdate: November 21, 1962; Parents: Richard and Verna Hurd; Brothers: 1; Major: Physical Education; Emerged as Centenary's most dangerous and most consistent offensive and defensive threat last year. . . Showed great poise during freshman season. . . Saw action in 28 games first collegiate year. . . Started in 18 games and scored in double figures 10 times freshman year. . . Very exciting player with a good shooting touch. . . Had 20 points in road victory over Houston Baptist, hitting 8-11 from the field and 4-4 from the free throw line. . . Although Gents lost 67-66 on the road in overtime to Georgia Southern, his basket at the buzzer sent the game into overtime, and he nearly won the game with another shot at the end of the overtime. . . Scored 7 points in 65-64 road victory over Louisiana Tech playing only 21 minutes. . . Scored a career high 21 points in home loss to Mercer University. . . Played key role in Gents 106-100 Trans America Athletic Conference semifinal tournament victory over Arkansas-Little Rock scoring 14 points. . . Third leading scorer on squad at season end with a 9.0 average. . . Third in assist with 52. . . Third in steals with 38. . . Three-year letterman at South Oak Cliff high school. . . Averaged 23 points and 6 assists per game senior year. . . Second team all-region senior year.

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6-0, 160, JUNIOR GUARD, AIRLINE HIGH SCHOOL, COOK COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE, BOSSIER CITY, LA: High School Coach: Miles Holladay; Junior College Coach: Jim Voight; Birthdate: October 25, 1962; Parents: Preston and Janette Taylor; Brothers: 1, Sisters: 1; Major: Business; First-year . . . Transferred from Cook County Junior College. . . . Played on team that finished sixth in the nation in the National Junior College Basketball tournament last year. . . Hit 15-foot shot from the corner at the buzzer to defeat Three-Rivers Missouri 63-62 when they were ranked number one last year. . . Averaged 9.0 points and eight assists per game last year in junior college. . . Three-year letterman in high school. . . Played on team that beat Sibley High School before they reeled off a national 58 straight wins. . . Teammate Willie Jackson was a member of that Sibley team. . . Played on the AAU Championship team along with Eric Bonner, Rodney Bailey, and Jackson for Louisiana. . . Was an all-state, all-district and all-city player senior year. . . Averaged 14 points and four assists per game final year in high school.

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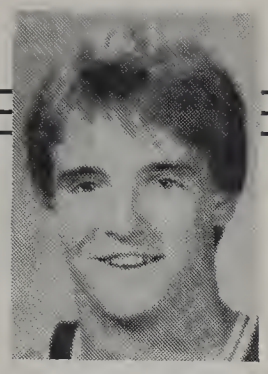

6-3, 175, FRESHMAN GUARD,BELLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, BELLEVILLE, ILL: High School Coach: Roger Mueller; Birthdate: January 4, 1964; Parents: Isidore and Nancy Schmidt; Brothers: 1, Sisters: 1; Major: Business; Slick shooting guard who needs only experience to help the Centenary attack. . . Fine shooter from the perimeter. . . Is an excellent passer and superb ball handler. . . Was the key playmaker on Belleville's team which finished 24-3 and won the Southwestern Conference and Belleville's Regional championship final prep campaign. . . Was named to the Globe-Democrat's 1982 Illinois all-district and all-Southwestern Conference high school basketball teams senior year. . .Selected to play in the Illinois-Missouri all-star game, but opted to play baseball final year. . . Belleville's second leading scorer averaging 13.6 points per game. . .Led the team in assist averaging 6.1 last year. . . Also played baseball and football. . . Lettered four years in baseball and two in football. . . His brother, Bill Schmidt, played for Centenary from 1976-79.

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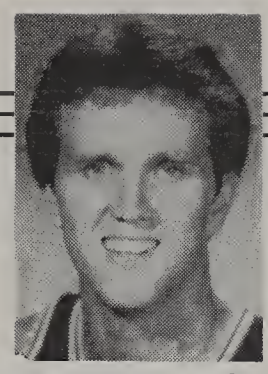

6-6, 185, JUNIOR GUARD, BOSSIER HIGH SCHOOL, BOSSIER CITY, LA: High School Coach: Larry Toms; Birthdate: August 23, 1962; Parents: Edd and Peggy Bailey; Brothers: 1, Sisters: 3; Major: Business; A solid outside shooter who shoots the ball well at 18-20 feet. . . Needs only to be more aggressive on the boards and defensively to see more playing time. . . Started in three games last year while playing in 17 games. . . Gave Centenary a big lift scoring a season high 15 points in 80-74 road victory over Morehead State in the Hatter Classic. . . Scored 14 points in 83-61 home win over Mississippi College. . . Averaged 2.9 points and 1.9 rebounds per game last year. . . Had a very good high school career. . . Played on the AAU Junior Olympic all-star team in Tucson, Arizona, along with teammates Eric Bonner, Willie Jackson, and Russell Taylor, downing Phoenix in the championship game. . . Selected to the Shreveport Journal and Times all city teams junior and senior year. . . Named honorable mention all-state in district 2-4A final prep year. . . Averaged 17.9 points and 11.2 rebounds per game senior year.

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6-3, 175, SOPHOMORE GUARD, ASHLAND HIGH SCHOOL, ASHLAND, LA: High School Coach: Randy Warren; Birthdate: October 4, 1963; Parents: Charles and Linda Weaver; Brothers: 1, Sisters: 1; Major: Physical Education; Saw limited action first collegiate year. . . Played in four games freshman year. . . Has worked hard in the off season and should help Gents' outside game. . . Good outside shooter who needs only to gain confidence. . . Averaged 1.0 points per game as a freshman. . . Three-year all-district selection in high school. . . Lettered four years at Ashland High School. . . Selected to the all-parish team final prep year. . . Scored 42 points and grabbed 15 rebounds in one game senior year. . . Had super high school career scoring average. . . Averaged 27 points and seven rebounds per game.

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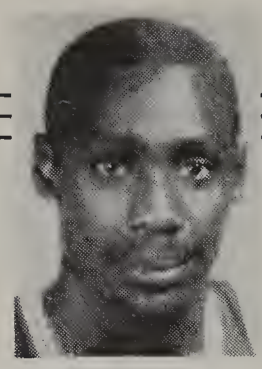

6-3, 187, FRESHMAN FORWARD, SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL, MACON, GA: High School Coach: Don Richardson; Birthdate: July 22, 1964; Parents: Albert and Brunel Thomas; Brothers: 3; Major: Physical Education; Blue chip prospect who has all the tools to help immediately. . .Was the city of Macon's "Player of the Year" senior year. . . Led high school team to a 26-3 record before losing in the state quarterfinals senior year. . . Chosen on the all-Middle Georgia team final prep year. . . Played in the North-South all-star game last year. . . Winner of the one-on-one competition before all-star game. . . Averaged 19 points, 14 rebounds and 3 blocked shots senior year. . . Broke Myles Patrick's single game rebound record, grabbing 30 rebounds in one game junior year. . . Averaged 18 points and 14 rebounds per game junior year. . . Chosen on the all-city team. . . Ranked number 10 in Middle Georgia junior season. . . All-american in track. . . Broke the state's triple jump record junior and senior years. . . Jumped 43 feet, 7 inches junior year and 48 feet, 2 inches senior year. . . Comes from high school that has produced some excellent players over the past few years. . . Norm Nixon of the Los Angeles Lakers. . . Jeff Malone an all-Southeastern Conference guard at Mississippi State. . . Terry Fair a starting center at the University of Georgia. . . Myles Patrick a former starting center at Auburn.

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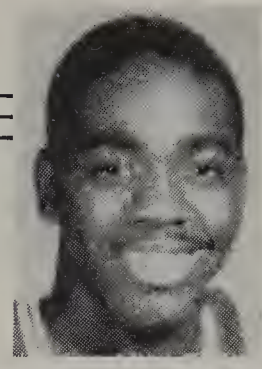

6-5, 190, FRESHMAN FORWARD, SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL, MACON, GA: High School Coach: Don Richardson; Birthdate: January 25, 1964; Parents: Lonnie Sandifer; Brothers: 3, Sisters: 2; Major: Physical Education; Strong, physical player who has a chance to earn a starting assignment. . . Does not have outstanding quickness or jumping ability but is very aggressive and has a natural instinct for the action. . . High school team was ranked number one in Georgia and ran up a 26-3 record before losing in the state semifinals his senior year. . . Team was 18-5 junior year. . . Was honorable mention Middle Georgia and all-city as a forward. . . In one game scored 28 points final prep season. . . Averaged 13.4 points and 9.6 rebounds per game senior year. . . Also averaged two steals, blocked shots, and assists per game last year. . . Comes from high school that has produced some excellent players over the past few years. . . Norm Nixon of the Los Angeles Lakers. . . Jeff Malone an all-Southeastern Conference guard at Mississippi State. . . Terry Fair a starting center at the University of Georgia. . . Myles Patrick a former starting center at Auburn. . . All played their prep years at Southwest High School. . . Teammate Albert Thomas also signed

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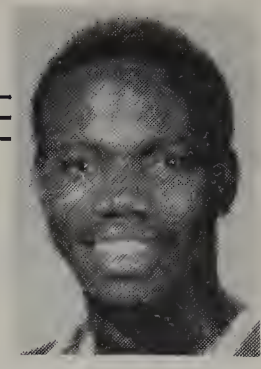

6-6, 200, JUNIOR FORWARD, SIBLEY HIGH SCHOOL, HEFLIN, LA: High School Coach: Don Stahl; Birthdate: June 22, 1962; Parents: Mae G. Jackson; Brothers: 1, Sisters: 1; Major: Business; . . . As a freshman Jackson was unhesitatingly voted "Newcomer of the Year" in the Trans America Athletic Conference. . . As a sophomore he was chosen the first-ever unanimous "Player of the Year" in the TAAC. . First collegiate year named to the Louisiana Sports Writers Association honorable mention Louisiana Collegiate basketball squad. . . Second collegiate year he was named "Player of the Year" by the LSWA. . . Freshman year he was named to the TAAC all-tournament team. Last year he was selected to the National Basketball Association Coaches of the United States Division I District 8 team. . . Last year Jackson was the sixth leading scorer in the nation with a 23.9 scoring average. . . Returns junior year as the second leading scorer in the country. . . . . Led Gents in scoring 15 times and rebounding 10 times as a freshman, scoring one 30 point game. . . Last year, led Gents in scoring 22 times and rebounding 18 times, scoring nine 30-point-or-more games. . . After two years he has amassed 1,175 career points (58 ahead of career leader Robert Parish's two-year totals of 1,117), 10th on the Gents' career list, and 504 career rebounds, 14th on the Gents' career list.

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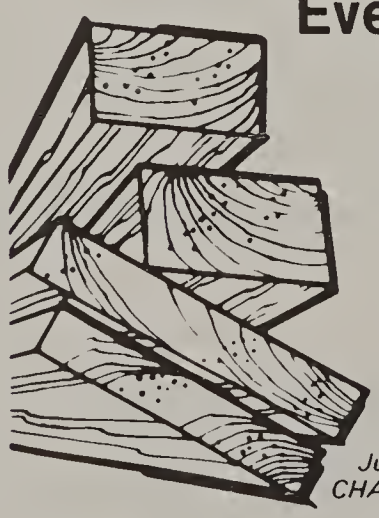

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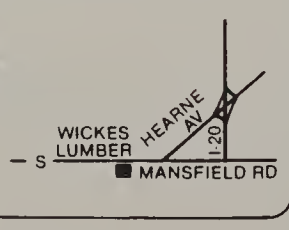

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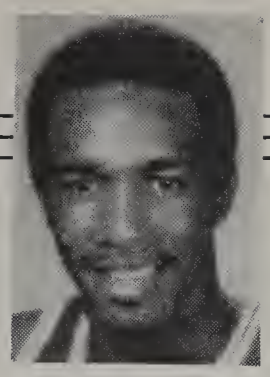

6-7, 215, JUNIOR CENTER, NORTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, SHREVEPORT, LA: High School Coach: James Carter; Birthdate: January 14, 1962; Parents: Betty Bonner; Brothers: 3, Sisters: 5; Major: Physical Education; Potential is unlimited. . . Has the strength and quickness to play inside and the finesse and touch to play the perimeter. . . Needs only to gain self-confidence to play up to capabilities. . Played key role in Centenary's 75-73 comeback victory over Northwestern State in Natchitoches last year sinking both ends of a one-and-one with one second left and scoring a game high 20 points and grabbing a game high 10 rebounds. . . Led the team with 7 rebounds against Arkansas (the Southwest Conference Champions) last season. . . Averaged 4.6 points and 4.1 rebounds sophomore year. . . Started in seven games last season. . . Triple-A all-district and all-state choice final prep year. . . Chosen to the (Shreveport) Times all-area team senior year. . . Played on Louisiana's all-star team that won the high school AAU Easter Tournament in Tucson, Arizona, senior year. . . Averaged 21 points per game senior year. . . Played high school basketball only two years. . Played in North-South Louisiana all-star game. Played with teammate Willie Jackson in all-star game.

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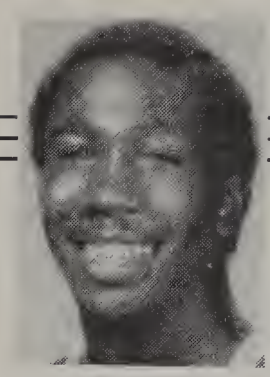

6-4, 185, JUNIOR FORWARD, WAXAHACHIE HIGH SCHOOL, HENDERSON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE, WAXAHACHIE, TX: High School Coach: Jack Aldrige; Junior College Coach: Leon Spencer; Birthdate: May 16, 1962; Parents: Mae Levingston; Sisters: 1; Major: Business; Transferred to Centenary College from Henderson Junior College. . . Played first collegiate year at McMurry College. . . . Selected first team all-TIAA and voted "Freshman of the Year". . . Led McMurry averaging 17 points and 7 rebounds per game first collegiate year. . . Wanted to play Division I basketball so transferred to Henderson. . . Led Henderson to third place finish in the junior college national championship last season. . . Averaged 11 points and 4 rebounds per game. . . Named first team all-conference. . . At Waxahachie High nominated to McDonald's All-America squad senior year. . . Led high school to 33-3 record and semifinals of the state tournament final prep season. . . Averaged 20 points and 11 rebounds as forward senior year. . . Played in Texas Hall of Fame and Texas Coaches Association all-star games final year in high school. . . Recruited heavily by Billy Tubbs, then at Lamar, but Tubbs transferred to the University of Oklahoma. . .

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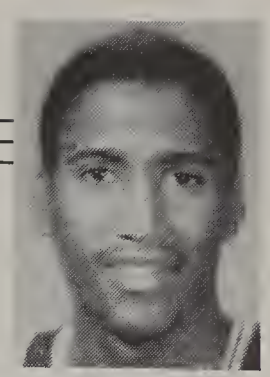

6-6, 185, SENIOR FORWARD, H.L. BOURGEOIS HIGH SCHOOL, GRAY, LA: High School Coach: Gray Folse; Birthdate: August 22, 1961; Parents: Noel and Sadie George; Brothers: 1, Sisters: 2; Major: Pre-Law; Possibly the best long-range shooter on the Gents club. . . Three-year letterman who has been plagued by injuries throughout his collegiate career. . . Started the first five games last year but a back injury forced him to miss eight games in one stretch junior year. . . Played in 16 games last year. . . Scored a season high 14 points in opening game victory over Montana State. . . Averaged 3.1 points and 1.1 rebounds last year. . . Led Centenary to Trans America Athletic Conference tournament championship with a career high 24 points in semifinal victory over Pan American freshman year. . . Had a very active and successful high school career. . . Was vice president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. . . Member of the National Honor Society. . . Chosen unanimously to the first team all-district 8-4A squad senior year. . . Earned MVP honors in three tournaments final prep year. . . Selected the K C Athlete of the Month in December for Terrebonne Parish senior year. . . Listed in Basketball Weekly as one of top ten prospects from Louisiana final prep year in high school. . . Averaged 19.6 points and 7.8 rebounds per game final prep year.

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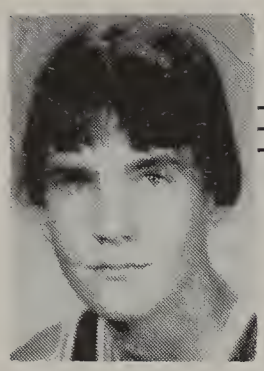

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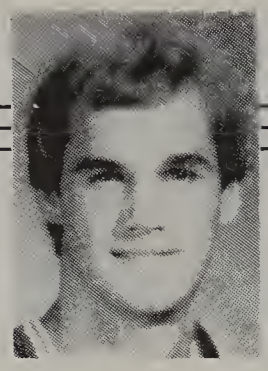
6-10, 210, FRESHMAN CENTER, CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, GRAND CANE, LA: High School Coach: Dan Davis; Birthdate: April 4, 1964; Parents: Lee and Carolyn Beaubouef; Sisters: 1; Major: Education; Candidate to help at center before too long... Played only two years in high school... Has all the tools but needs playing experience... Only drawback is high school competition ...Played in small class (A) and will have to adjust to physical contact of collegiate game...Fine shooter from the perimeter... Was selected to the Shreveport Journal all-area and the Mansfield Journal all-parish teams final prep season... Played in Louisiana North-South all-star game senior year... First team all-district selection... Voted to Trinity Heights and Bienville all-tournament teams last year... Averaged 22.3 points, 11.7 rebounds and 7 blocked shots per game senior year.



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6-8, 205, JUNIOR CENTER, TRINITY HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL SHREVEPORT,LA: High School Coach: Billy Wiggins; Birthdate: June 16, 1962; Parents: Donald and Marilyn Smith; Brothers: 1; Sisters: 2; Major: Geology... Didn't play a lot last year (appeared in 11 games) but has worked hard in the off season and has improved enough to fit in battle for center position...Very strong and physical player...A good rebounder, passer and defender... Averaged 1.4 points & 1.4 rebounds per game sophomore year... Led Trinity Heights to the Louisiana Independent School Association (LISA) state championship senior season...Most Valuable Player in the state tournament final prep year... All-district and all-state selection junior and senior years... Also all-district in football and baseball as senior... Averaged 18 points and 12 rebounds pg. final year.

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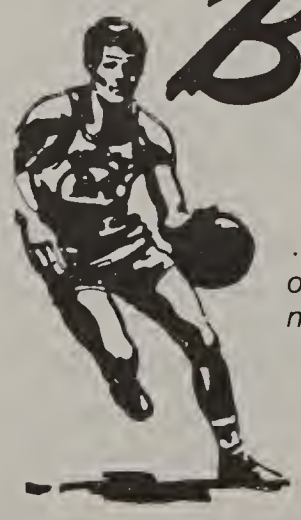

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Oklahoma City and Pan American left the conference during the 1979-80 school year. Georgia Southern College and Northwestern State University of Louisiana became new members of the TAAC in 1979, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock joined in 1980, and Nicholls State University in 1982. Northeast Louisiana left the TAAC in 1982.

The conference received its allied conference status from the NCAA in October, 1978, giving the TAAC full voting privileges at the NCAA Conventions. It was also the first step in meeting the NCAA criteria for automatic qualifications for the NCAA Division I basketball and baseball championships. The league received the automatic bid in basketball for the 1980-81 season and again for 1981-82.

Dr. Jessee Fletcher, President of Hardin-Simmons University, was named first President of the conference and Cliff Wettig of Samford was named first commissioner. On July 1, 1979, Bob Vanatta was selected as the first fulltime commissioner. The commissioner's office is located in the Huntington Office Park - Suite 1255, 7505 Pines Road, Shreveport, La., 71129. Vanatta was a long time successful basketball coach at Memphis State and is a former commissioner of the Ohio Valley Conference.

The first conference competition was held in basketball, with the TAAC tournament at Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe, Louisiana, March 1, 2, 3, 1979. The first tournament was won by Northeast Louisiana University, led by All-American Calvin Natt. The Indians then received a bid to the 1979 National Invitational Tournament (NIT), and lost to the University of Virginia on a final shot.

The conference played a round-robin basketball schedule and tournament during the 1979-80 season, with Centenary College winning the championship. A divisional round-robin schedule and tournament was played during the 1980-81 season, with the conference tournament played in Shreveport at the Hirsch Coliseum. Starting with the 1981-82 basketball season the conference played a double round-robin schedule with a conference tournament played at Northeast Louisiana University.

Conference championships were first held in baseball, golf and tennis in the spring of 1979. Mercer University won in baseball, Centenary in golf, led by Walker Cupper Hal Sutton, medalist, and Oklahoma City University won the first tennis championship. 1979-80 saw two new conference championships conducted for the first time, with cross-country and soccer starting in the fall of 1979. Northeast Louisiana University and Pan American University tied for the cross country title and Hardin-Simmons University won their first TAAC championship in soccer in 1979. Centenary won their second golf title in the spring of 1980, again Sutton was medalist. New member, Georgia Southern, won the title in baseball and was awarded an NCAA bid. Northeast Louisiana University won the conference tennis tournament. Centenary and Georgia Southern were both invited to the NCAA golf championship, both finishing in the top ten, Georgia Southern sixth and Centenary ninth. The TAAC received its first automatic bid to the NCAA baseball championship in 1982. Hardin-Simmons won the TAAC tournament, but lost to Texas and Eastern Michigan in the NCAA.

Many people in the sports world marveled at the quickness and thoroughness the Presidents, Directors of Athletics, Faculty Chairmen of Athletics and Coaches were able to organize the conference. A conference which promises to contribute a great deal to NCAA championship play, and also to the full development of its student athletes, both in an academic and athletic way.

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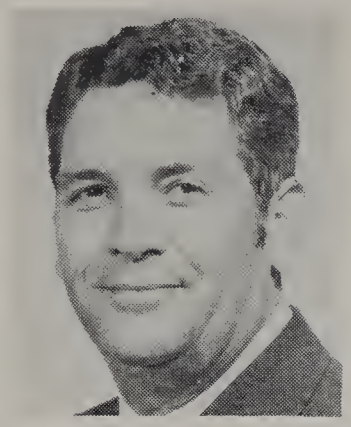

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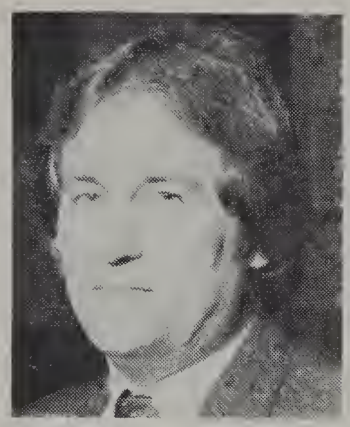

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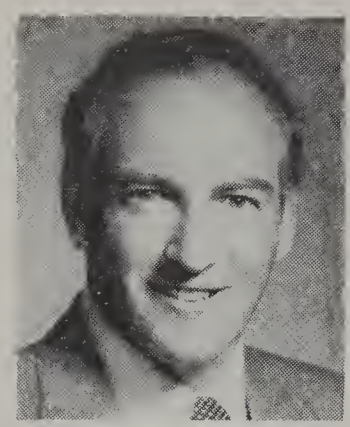

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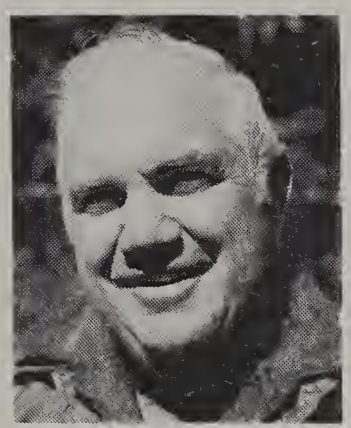

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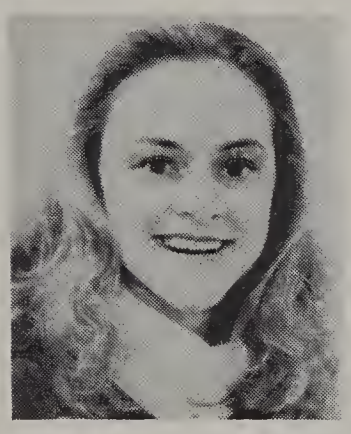

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the gold dome

The geodesic Gold Dome is a landmark located just south of the main Centenary College campus. Besides housing the Centenary basketball team, the Gold Dome is a multi-purpose facility, constructed at a cost of $1.3 million plus equipment.

With a seating capacity of 4,000, including cushioned armchairs on the upper level bleachers encircling the court, the Gents have a home court seldom equaled by schools of its size.

Unique features of the structure include a Tartan floor, indirect lighting and the attractive gold anodized aluminum dome. The completely air-conditioned facility contains office space for the athletic and physical education departments, two classrooms, including one of the theater variety, and four large carpeted dressing rooms.

Like the building itself, the basketball court is a multi-purpose area, easily converted into two cross-court basketball courts, or eight volleyball courts, or 16 badminton courts. At the east end of the building are two championship handball courts, complete with spectator windows.

The dome was designed by the Shreveport architectural firm of Somdal-Smitherman-Sorensen-Sherman and Associates. Whitaker Construction Company of Shreveport was the contractor, while the Temcor Company of California erected the gold-colored dome.

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CENTENARY COLLEGE QUICK FACTS

LOCATION: Shreveport, La.
NICKNAME: Gentlemen or Gents
COLORS: Maroon and White with Gold Trim
ENROLLMENT: 1,402
HOME COURT: Gold Dome Complex (4,000)
AFFILIATION: NCAA Division I
PRESIDENT: Dr. Donald A. Webb
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Walt Stevens
CONFERENCE: Trans America Athletic

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HEAD COACH: Tommy Canterbury (Louisiana Tech '70)
RECORD AT CENTENARY: 63-67 (5 years)
OFFICE: (318) 869-5275
BEST TIME TO CALL: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

TOP RETURNEES
Willie Jackson (6-6, f) 23.9 pts., 9.7 rebs.
Reggie Hurd (6-1, g) 9.0 pts., 0.9 rebs.
Napoleon Byrdsong (5-11, g) 5.4 pts., 1.9 rebs.
Eric Bonner (6-7, c) 4.6 pts., 4.1 rebs.

TOP NEWCOMERS
Joe Beaubouef (6-11, c) 22.3 pts., 11.7 rebs.
Vance Hughes (6-4, f) 11.0 pts., 4.5 rebs.
Tom Schmidt (6-3, g) 13.6 pts., 4.3 rebs.
Albert Thomas (6-3, g) 19.0 pts., 14.0 rebs.
Eric Woodard (6-5, f) 12.0 pts., 10.0 rebs.
Russell Taylor (6-0, g) 10.0 pts., 1.1 rebs.

1981-82 OVERALL RECORD: 17-12
TAAC RECORD: 9-7 (Third Place)
TAAC TOURNAMENT: Second Place

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Middle Row-Eric Bonner, Joe Beaubouef, Greg Smith, Lorin George, Rodney Bailey,
Top Row-Russell Taylor, Reggie Hurd, Chris Weaver, Tom Schmidt, Napoleon Byrdsong.

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NO.	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC)
22	Rodney Bailey	F	6-6	195	Jr.	2L	Bossier City, La. (Bossier HS)
44	Joe Beaubouef	C	6-10	210	Fr.	HS	Grand Cane, La. (Central HS)
34	Eric Bonner	C	6-7	215	Jr.	2L	Shreveport, La. (Northwood HS)
5	Napoleon Byrdsong	G	5-11	150	Sr.	3L	Longview, Tx. (Longview HS)
42	Lorin George	F	6-6	185	Sr.	3L	Gray, La. (H. L. Bourgeois HS)
40	Vance Hughes	F	6-4	185	Jr.	JC	Waxahachie, Tx. (Henderson County JC)
10	Reggie Hurd	G	6-1	170	So.	1L	Dallas, Tx. (South Oak Cliff HS)
33	Willie Jackson	F	6-6	200	Jr.	2L	Heflin, La. (Sibley HS)
15	Tom Schmidt	G	6-3	175	Fr.	HS	Belleville, Ill. (Belleville HS)
45	Greg Smith	C	6-8	205	Jr.	2L	Shreveport, La. (Trinity Heights HS)
13	Russell Taylor	G	6-0	160	Jr.	JC	Bossier City, La. (Cook County JC)
30	Albert Thomas	F	6-3	187	Fr.	HS	Macon, Ga. (Southwest HS)
23	Chris Weaver	G	6-3	175	So.	1L	Ashland, La. (Ashland HS)
32	Eric Woodard	F	6-5	190	Fr.	HS	Macon, Ga. (Southwest HS)

our nickname

The unique nickname "Gentlemen" was first established in the fall of 1922. With the majority of Centenary men also soldiers, the moniker "Gentlemen" as a proud, looked-up-to name and a logical choice. A tongue-in-cheek account that first mentioned the new nickname appeared in the 1923 Yoncopin (Centenary yearbook) in that season's football summary:

". . . The boys were beginning to round into pretty good form by this time and as several recruits had been recently added we were beginning to resemble a real college football team.

"Yet there was some doubt on the eve of the first game. Reports from the Marshall camp had them recruiting from the boiler factories and we were made to believe that the Marshall team was coming to Shreveport to mop-up with the "Gentlemen." (You see we had just taken the name of the "Centenary Gentlemen" and far be it from us to start a dispute just at that time).

"Well, we put on our best manners but just couldn't help from running up a seventy-seven to nothing score . . ."

1982-83 SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sat.	Nov. 27	MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE	7:45
Mon.	Nov. 29	Southeastern Louisiana	7:30
Wed.	Dec. 1	Southern Methodist	7:30
Sat.	Dec. 4	UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS	7:45
Mon.	Dec. 6	OUACHITA BAPTIST	7:45
Thu.	Dec. 9	LOUISIANA TECH	7:45
Sat.	Dec. 11	North Texas State	7:30
Sat.	Dec. 18	SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	7:45
Mon.	Dec. 20	LOUISIANA COLLEGE	7:45
Wed.	Jan. 5	Louisiana Tech	7:30
Sat.	Jan. 8	NORTHEAST LOUISIANA	7:45
Thu.	Jan. 13	* HOUSTON BAPTIST	7:45
Sat.	Jan. 15	Oklahoma State	3:00
Mon.	Jan. 17	* Northwestern State	7:30
Thu.	Jan. 20	* Arkansas-Little Rock	7:30
Sat.	Jan. 22	* Hardin-Simmons	12:00
Mon.	Jan. 24	* GEORGIA SOUTHERN	7:45
Wed.	Jan. 26	* Mercer University	7:30
Fri.	Jan. 28	University of Central Florida	7:30
Thu.	Feb. 3	* Samford University	7:30
Sat.	Feb. 5	* Georgia Southern	7:30
Sat.	Feb. 12	* Houston Baptist	7:30
Thu.	Feb. 17	* HARDIN-SIMMONS	7:45
Sat.	Feb. 19	* ARKANSAS-LITTLE ROCK	7:45
Tue.	Feb. 22	* NORTHWESTERN STATE	7:45
Thu.	Feb. 24	* MERCER UNIVERSITY	7:45
Sat.	Feb. 26	* SAMFORD UNIVERSITY	7:45
Sat.	Mar. 5	Round One TAAC Play-Offs	TBA
Thu.	Mar. 8	Round Two TAAC Play-Offs	TBA
Fri.	Mar. 9	Finals TAAC Play-Offs	TBA

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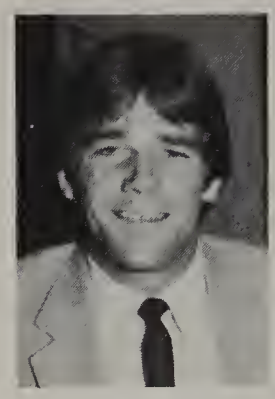
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5 NAPOLEON BYRDSONG*** G, 5-11, 150, Sr., Longview, Tex.	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
10 REGGIE HURD* G, 6-1, 170, So., Dallas, Tex.	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
13 RUSSELL TAYLOR G, 6-0, 160, Jr., Bossier City, La.	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
15 TOM SCHMIDT G, 6-3, 175, Fr., Belleville, Ill.	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
22 RODNEY BAILEY** F, 6-6, 195, Jr., Bossier City, La.	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
23 CHRIS WEAVER* G, 6-3, 175, So., Ashland, La.	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
30 ALBERT THOMAS F, 6-3, 187, Fr., Macon, Ga.	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
32 ERIC WOODARD F, 6-5, 190, Fr., Macon Ga.	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
33 WILLIE JACKSON** F, 6-6, 200, Jr., Heflin, La.	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
34 ERIC BONNER** C, 6-7, 215, Jr., Shreveport, La.	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
40 VANCE HUGHES F, 6-4, 185, Jr., Waxahachie, Tex.	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
42 LORIN GEORGE*** F, 6-6, 185, Sr., Gray, La.	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
44 JOE BEAUBOUEF C, 6-10, 210, Fr., Grand Cane, La.	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
45 GREG SMITH** C, 6-8, 205, Jr., Shreveport, La.	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	

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21 MARK McWHORTER G, 6-3, 170, Fr., Marietta, Georgia	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
22 BRIAN NORWOOD G, 6-4, 185, Sr., Chicago, Illinois	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
23 GREG ELLIS G, 6-3, 190, Fr., Baxley, Georgia	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
24 ERIC HIGHTOWER G, 6-2, 150, Jr., Macon, Georgia	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
30 DAVID MEAKINS F, 6-6, 185, So., Milledgeville, Georgia	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
32 DENNIS MURPHEY F, 6-5, 175, Sr., Metter, Georgia	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
34 DAVID WRIGHT F, 6-6, 180, Sr., Glenwood, Georgia	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
40 DENVER BYRD F, 6-6, 175, Jr., Metter, Georgia	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
41 LAFAYETTE ADAMS C-F, 6-6, 190, Sr., Gadsen, Alabama	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
44 AARON RUCKER F, 6-4, 175, Jr., Toledo, Ohio	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
50 REGGIE FEARS C, 6-7, 235, Sr., Houston, Texas	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 3 4 5	
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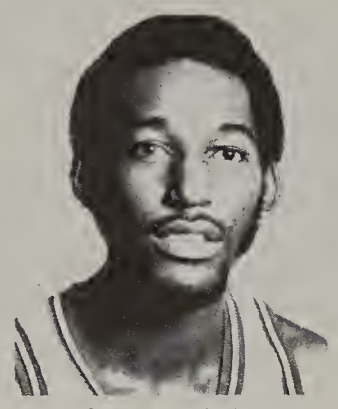
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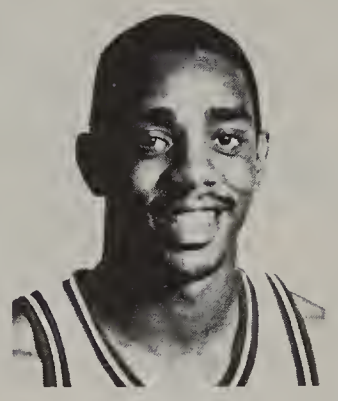
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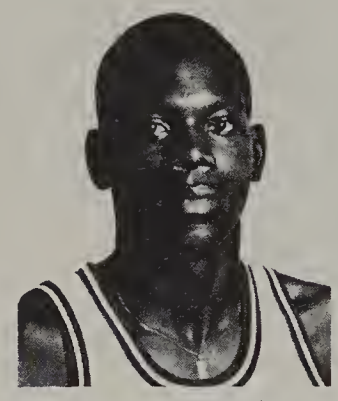
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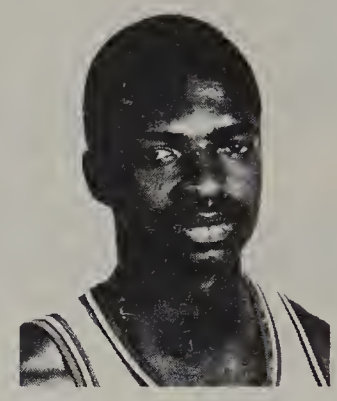
Bryan Norwood

LOCATION: Statesboro, Ga.
NICKNAME: Eagles
COLORS: Blue and White
ENROLLMENT: 6,603
HOME COURT: W.S Hanner Fieldhouse
AFFILIATION: NCAA Division I
PRESIDENT: Dr. Dale Frank C. Clark
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HEAD COACH: Frank Kerns
(Alabama '60)
RECORD AT GEORGIA SOUTHERN:
14-13 (1 year)
CAREER RECORD: 151-91 (9 years)

TOP RETURNEES

Dennis Murphy (6-5, f) 9.7 pts., 3.3 rebs.
Brian Norwood (6-4, g) 9.2 pts., 3.6 rebs.
Lafayette Adams (6-6, f) 6.1 pts., 3.6 rebs.
David Wright (6-6, f) 4.7 pts., 5.1 rebs.
Aaron Rucker (6-4, g) 4.2 pts., 1.6 rebs.

TOP NEWCOMERS

Mark McWhorter (6-3, g)
Travis Filer (6-3, g)
Greg Ellis (6-3, g)
Eric Hightower (6-2, g)
Denver Bryd (6-6, f)
Reggie Fears (6-7, c)

LETTERMEN RETURNING: 7
LETTERMEN LOST: 3

SERIES INFORMATION

NO. OF CENTENARY WINS: 4

NO. OF GEORGIA WINS: 1

CENTENARY'S LAST WIN:
3-4-82 (70-69)

GEORGIA'S LAST WIN:
1-25-82 (67-66) OT

1981-82 RECORD: 14-13

1982-83 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov.		
26	FORT VALLEY STATE	STATESBORO, 7:30
29	JACKSONVILLE	STATESBORO, 7:30
Dec.		
1	VALDOSTA STATE	STATESBORO, 7:30
4	*Houston Baptist	Houston, TX, 8:35
11	Baptist	Charleston, SC, 7:30
14	CENTRAL FLORIDA	STATESBORO, 7:30
17-18	Mountaineer Classic Virginia Commwlth., W. Virginia, Robert Morris	Charleston, W. VA, 7:00
22	Georgia	Savannah, GA, 8:00
Jan.		
6	*Hardin-Simmons	Abilene, TX, 8:30
8	*Arkansas-Little Rock	Little Rock, AR, 8:30
10	*HARDIN-SIMMONS	STATESBORO, 7:30
13	*SAMFORD	STATESBORO, 7:30
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29	*Northwest Louisiana	Natchitoches, LA, 8:30
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5	*CENTENARY	STATESBORO, 7:30
9	*MERCER	STATESBORO, 7:30
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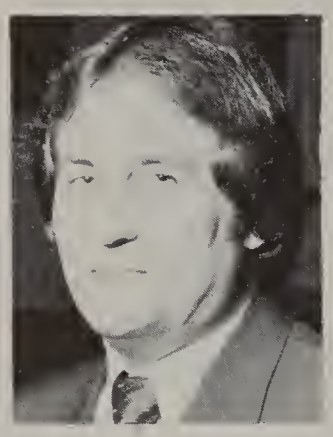

In an unusual turn-of-events last spring, Centenary head women's basketball coach Joe St. Andre' found himself returning as the Ladies' head coach for his second collegiate year.

When St. Andre signed on for the head coaching job last year, he knew it was a one-year agreement only. St. Andre took on the Centenary job on the assertion that he was filling in for Merle Gore, the head women's coach at Trinity Heights High School in Shreveport, La., who was to take over the program this year.

However, when it came time for Gore to make his final decision whether or not to transfer to Centenary, he felt the Centenary program would better benefit if St. Andre continued as the Ladies head mentor.

Gore sited his reasoning on the outstanding job that St. Andre had done in building the first-year Ladies program from scratch. Not only did he win 22 games in 32 attempts, but he also finished 16th in the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) Division II tournament.

''I'm already knee deep in this program,'' St. Andre said about continuing as the Ladies head coach for another year. ''I'm more or less committed to the girls I brought here. And most importantly, the caliber of girls we have playing at Centenary makes it a pleasure to coach.''

The 35-year-old Natchitoches native did a great job molding last year's squad. Building a first-year program requires a lot of patience and experience along with youth, and St. Andre brought all of those together to build the team into a very respectable group.

''The biggest reason for our success last year, was the three mountains we had to climb,'' St. Andre said about last year's group. ''We lost one girl before the season started to a knee surgery, then another to knee surgery after our ninth game, and then we lost another girl at midterm to grades.''

''I had only 11 girls when the season started, and eventhough I gained one girl at midterm, we didn't even have enough girls to hold intrasquad games.'' He continued on saying, ''Athletically, the girls we have are average or a little above, but each individual girl is an above achiever. That makes this bunch a great bunch to coach. ''

A graduate of Northwestern State University in 1969 with a B.S. in Mathematics, Joe started coaching basketball in the fall of 1970 at Haughton High School in Bossier City.

While at Haughton, he coached basketball and taught math. After two years he accepted the athletic director's position at Princeton Junior High. At Princeton, he was in charge of the athletic programs, while coaching football, basketball and track.

In 1977, he left Princeton and took a leave of absence to work on his masters at Northwestern. In the following spring, he received his masters in education.

Joe is married to the former Brenda Quinn of Natchitoches. They have two children, one son Brian who is nine, and one daughter Micheala who is five.

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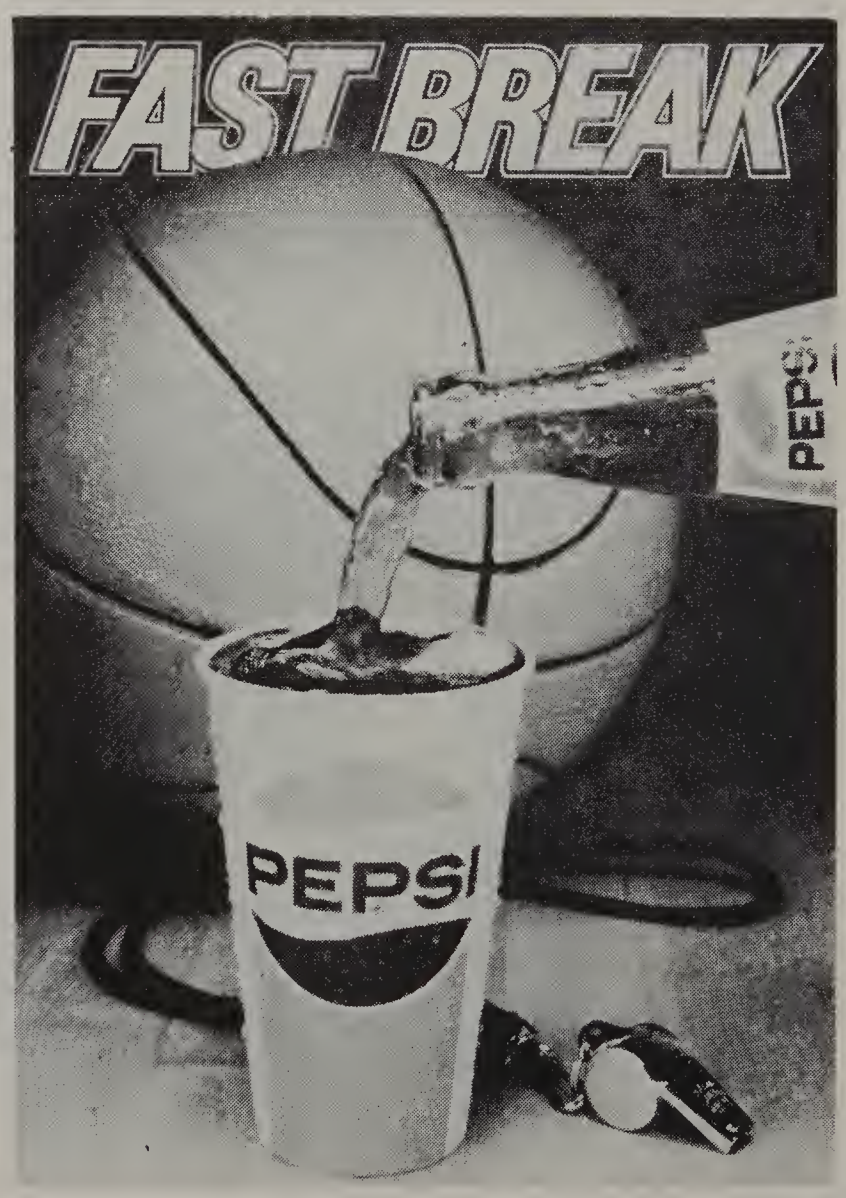

1982-83 ladies roster

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (High School/JC)
25	Penny Davis	F	5-9	Sr.	1L	Edgewood, Md. (Cook County JC)
21	Liz Hindman	G	5-5	Fr.	HS	Crowley, La. (Crowley HS)
14	Linda Howard	F	5-9	Jr.	1L	Shreveport, La. (Kilgore JC)
5	Nancy Hultquist	G	5-5	Sr.	1L	DeRidder, La. (Panola JC)
3	Carla Hutchins	F	6-0	Sr.	1L	Minden, La. (Tyler JC)
4	Linda Keiser	G	5-5	Fr.	HS	Colfax, La. (Grant HS)
33	Penny Lee	G	5-5	Jr.	JC	Longview, Texas (Kilgore JC)
35	Cathy Lilley	F	5-9	Fr.	HS	Crowley, La. (Crowley HS)
10	Kathy Messer	G	5-6	Sr.	1L	Waldo, Arkansas (Panola JC)
15	Mary Jo Monzingo	C	6-0	So.	1L	Haughton, La. (Bossier Academy)
24	Tempie Ratcliff	F	6-0	Sr.	1L	Logansport, La. (Panola JC)
34	Zebber Satcher	C	6-0	Sr.	1L	Saline, La. (Panola JC)
12	Teresa Slack	F	5-9	Fr.	HS	Plain Dealing, La. (PD Academy)
11	Amy Slaton	G	5-4	So.	R	Haynesville, La. (Haynesville HS)
30	Treasure Thomas	F	5-11	Fr.	HS	DeRidder, La. (DeRidder HS)
42	Wendy Thomas	F	5-8	So.	1L	Benton, La. (Plain Dealing HS)

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Nov. 30	at Louisiana State University
Dec. 2	at Louisiana College
Dec. 4	WILLIAM CAREY
Dec. 6	EAST TEXAS BAPTIST
Dec. 11	at East Texas Baptist
Dec. 18	SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA
Dec. 20	LOUISIANA COLLEGE
Dec. 21	NICHOLLS STATE (7 P.M.)
Jan. 5	at Arkansas-Little Rock
Jan. 8	WILEY COLLEGE
Jan. 13	HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY
Jan. 15	ARKANSAS TECH (7:30 P.M.)
Jan. 17	at Northwestern State University
Jan. 21	at McMurry College
Jan. 22	at Hardin-Simmons University
Jan. 28	at College of the Ozarks
Jan. 29	at Arkansas Tech
Feb. 3	at Wiley College
Feb. 5	at Nicholls State
Feb. 7	at Northeastern Louisiana Univ.
Feb. 12	at William Carey
Feb. 17	NORTHEASTERN LOUISIANA U.
Feb. 19	ARKANSAS-LITTLE ROCK
Feb. 22	NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIV.

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INDIVIDUAL SINGLE GAME

Most Points—42, GEORGE LETT, Centenary vs. Georgia Southern, Feb. 7, 1979.

Most Field Goal Attempts—30, CHARLES WHITE, East Tennessee vs. Northwestern State, Dec. 29, 1971 (made 14); BOBBY WHITE, Centenary vs. Northern Illinois, Dec. 4, 1976 (made 15).

Most Field Goals Made—17, ROBERT PARISH, Centenary vs. Texas-Arlington, Feb. 5, 1973 (attempted 24); ERNIE HILL, Oklahoma City vs. Centenary, Jan. 6, 1979 (attempted 21).

Best Field Goal Percentage (min. 10 attempts)—.900 (9-of-10), NATE BLAND, Centenary vs. Louisiana Tech, Dec. 1, 1973.

Most Free Throw Attempts—20, CHEROKEE RHONE, Louisiana Tech vs. Centenary, Dec. 5, 1981 (made 16).

Most Free Throws Made—16, CHEROKEE RHONE, Louisiana Tech vs. Centenary, Dec. 5 1981 (attempted 20).

Best Free Throw Percentage—1.000 (9-of-9) NORMAN SCULLARK, Centenary vs. Southern Mississippi, Jan. 13, 1979.

Most Rebounds—33, ROBERT PARISH, Centenary vs. Southern Mississippi, Jan. 27, 1973.

Most Assists—16, MELVIN RUSSELL, Centenary vs. Texas-Arlington, Feb. 5, 1973.

Most Turnovers—12, WALTER "Weasel" JOHNSON, North Texas State, Feb. 23, 1977.

TEAM SINGLE GAME

Most Points, Centenary—133 vs. Hardin-Simmons (133-94), Feb. 5, 1976.

Most Points, Visitors—116, Oklahoma City, vs. Centenary (116-93), Jan. 6, 1979.

Most Points, Two Teams—227 (Centenary 133, Hardin-Simmons 94), Feb. 5, 1976; 211 (North Texas State 107, Centenary 104, 2 OT), Feb. 23, 1977.

Fewest Points, Centenary—58, vs. Mid. Tennessee State (58-54), Jan. 3, 1980, and vs. Arkansas Tech (58-59), Dec. 10, 1979.

Fewest Points, Opponents—54, Mid. Tennessee State (54-58), Jan. 3, 1980.

Fewest Points, Two Teams—112 (Centenary 58, Mid. Tennessee State 54).

Biggest Centenary Win—48 (Centenary 110, Wabash College 62), Jan. 2, 1975.

Biggest Centenary Loss—32 (Louisiana Tech 108, Centenary 76), Feb. 5, 1979.

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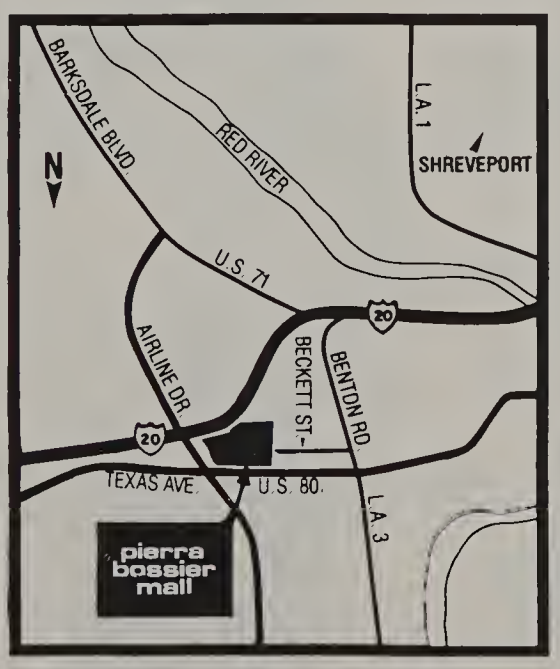

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3 carla hutchins

6-0, SENIOR FORWARD, MINDEN, LA.: Sat out first half of the season last year recovering from knee surgery . . . Sixth man off the bench at every position but point guard last season . . . Should start at one of the forward slots . . . Averaged 6.6 points and 4.2 rebounds per game in 1981-82 . . . Started in three games last year . . . Scored a season high 22 points against Sam Houston in the opening round of the AIAW Division II regional basketball tournament last year . . . Has had two knee operations on her left knee . . . Played at Trinity Heights as a junior and senior in high school where she was selected MVP of LISA [Louisiana Independent School Association] 1-A as a junior . . . Instrumental in Trinity Heights State Championship in 1979 . . . Transferred from Tyler Junior College where she averaged 14 points and 8 rebounds per game.

4 linda keiser

5-5, FRESHMAN GUARD, COLFAX, LA.: Agile player who can penetrate and hit the outside shot . . . will be used mainly at the point guard position but can play the second guard . . . A four-year letterman earning all-district two years at Grant High School . . . Team captain who averaged 12 points and 15 assists in prep action her senior year . . . A two-sport athlete in high school . . . Also ran track while piling up district honors in the 400-meter run, 800-m relay and the 1600-m relay . . . Voted most scholastic senior year.

5 nancy hultquist

5-5, SENIOR GUARD, DE RIDDER, LA.: Very durable athlete starting in all 32 games last year . . . Is the starting point guard for the Ladies . . . Logged more minutes playing time than any other player on the 1981-82 squad . . . Led the team in assist by dishing out 102, while averaging a third best 7.9 points per game . . . Canned 103-144 free throws for the second best percentage on the team at .715 . . . Led the team in scoring twice . . . Scored a career high 23 points against East Texas Baptist and 17 against Alcorn State last year . . . A three-sport athlete in high school . . . Starred in basketball, softball and track at DeRidder High School . . . Four-year letterman in basketball . . . Played in the Louisiana all-star game senior year . . . Transferred from Panola Junior College last year.

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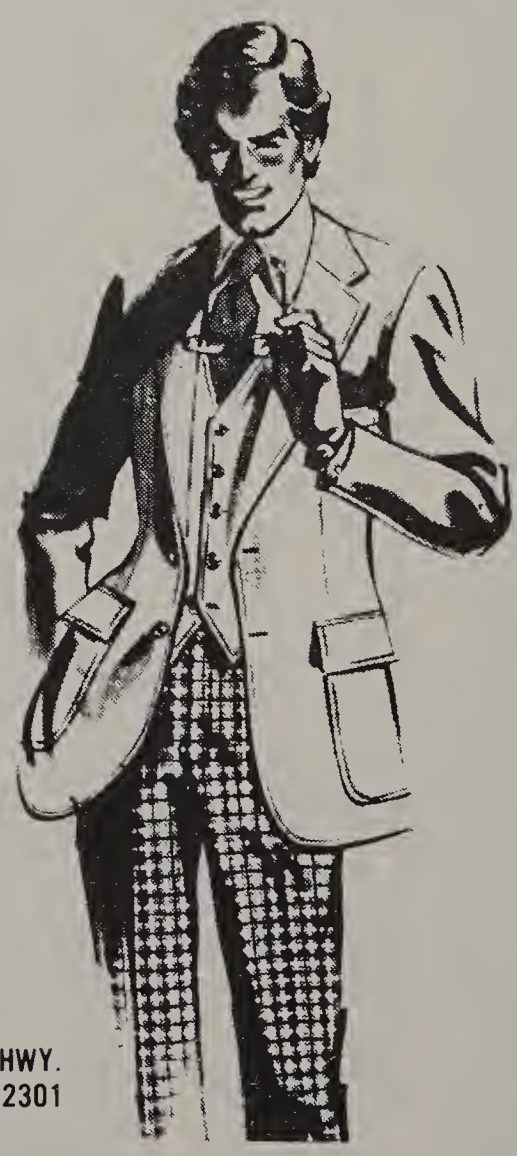

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5-6, SENIOR GUARD, WALDO, AR.: Extremely fast, agile player who can penetrate and hit the outside shot . . . Went down with a knee injury that sidelined her for the season against Alcorn State . . . Was the team's leading scorer averaging 16.8 points per game before injury . . . Led the team in scoring five times scoring a career high 29 points against Tyler . . . Shot 51.2 per cent from the floor and 77.4 per cent from the free throw line in nine games . . . Transferred from Panola Junior College where she led the team in scoring both years with a 13.7 scoring average her sophomore year . . . Two-sport athlete in high school . . .Voted Player of the Year in the state of Arkansas after shining at Waldo High School in 1979 . . . Also selected to the Carnation Breakfast all-American team as well as earning all-state and all-district honors twice . . . Ripped the nets for a 36.5 average her senior year in high school .

amy slaton 11

5-4, SOPHOMORE GUARD, HAYNESVILLE, LA.: A sharp-shooting guard who still has four years of eligibility left after being red-shirted last year when she suffered a knee injury before the season started . . . A two-time MVP selection in District 1-AA who led Haynesville High School to a 27-7 record her senior year . . . A three-time all-District selection . . . Led Haynesville with 52 points her final two prep games in the regional tournament . . . Member of the National Honor Society and Who's Who final prep year.

teresa slack 12

5-9, FRESHMAN FORWARD, PLAIN DEALING, LA.: Starred at Plain Dealing Academy and was selected all-District in both her junior and senior years . . . Elected Female Athlete of the Year, Most Valuable Player, and Outstanding Player of the Year by her classmates final prep year . . . A four-year letterman in basketball . . . Played in the North-South all-star game senior year in which her team scored a 41-40 win over the South . . . Scored 6 points and grabbed 14 rebounds in all-star game . . . Averaged 17 points and 14 rebounds final prep year . . . Played with teammate Wendy Thomas in high school.

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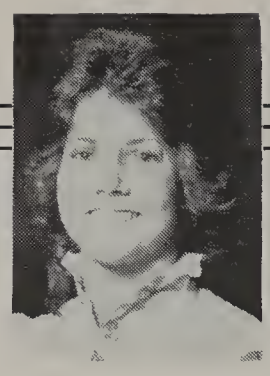

14 linda howard

5-9, JUNIOR FORWARD, SHREVEPORT, LA.: Very good outside shooter who has the potential to step in and start when called upon . . . Played in 26 of the Ladies 32 games last season . . . Used mainly in reserve role, but did start in two games . . . Shot 80 per cent from the free throw line connecting on 8 of 10 attempts . . . Averaged 2.1 points and 1.4 rebounds per game last year . . . Transferred to Centenary from Kilgore Junior College where she averaged 8.1 points per game . . . All-District and all-Parish for three consecutive years while starring at Huntington High School in Shreveport . . . Averaged 14.5 points per game final prep year as a Lady Raider . . . Co-captain final year in high school.

15 mary jo monzingo

6-1, SOPHOMORE CENTER, HAUGHTON, LA.: Was instrumental in Ladies winning the state and regional AIAW Division II championships last year . . . Plays well facing the basket and only needs more playing time to increase her court awareness . . . Saw action in 25 games for the Ladies last year while averaging 3.4 points and 2.5 rebounds per game . . . Had 30 blocked shots in 1981-82 . . . A four-year letterman at Bossier Academy where she earned all-State and all-District honors her final year in high school . . . Averaged 17 points and 9 rebounds final prep year . . . Played for the North team in the Louisiana Independent School Association [LISA] all-star game senior year . . . Valedictorian of her senior class.

21 liz hindman

5-5, FRESHMAN GUARD, CROWLEY, LA.: A three-year varsity letterman at Crowley High School who will give head coach Joe St. Andre added depth at both guard positions . . . Made all-Acadia Parish team in both her junior and senior years in high school . . . A second team all-District 5-AAA selection final prep year . . . Also District champs the year before as well as Bi-District winners . . . Averaged 10 points and five assists per game during senior season . . . Midland Christmas Tournament all-tournament selection senior year . . . President of the National Honor Society . . . Graduated ninth in her high school class.

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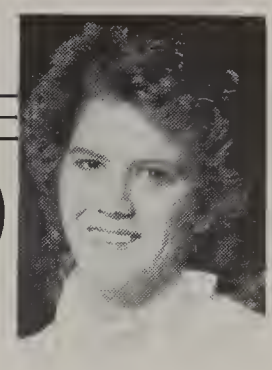
6-0, SENIOR FORWARD, LOGANSPORT, LA.: Expected to be a major factor on the front line this year . . . One of the top all-around players on the Ladies roster . . . Started in 31 games last year . . . Averaged 8.8 points and 5.5 rebounds per game . . . Third on the team in field goal percentage at .453 . . . Instrumental in Laides come-from-behind 85-80 road victory over Bellhaven College in the championship game of the Millsaps Tournament . . . One of four Ladies who transferred from Panola Junior College where whe averaged 5.6 points and 3.2 rebounds per game . . . An honors graduate at Logansport High School she was an all-State and all-District selection her senior year . . . A member of the Class A championship team her sophomore season . . . Lettered for four years.

25 penny davis

5-9, SENIOR FORWARD, EDGEWOOD, MD.: Provides lightning quickness on defense that the Ladies need in cotrolling the tempo . . . Needs to shoot the ball more and add more offensively in order for the Ladies to have a successful season . . . A starter in 30 games last year . . . Led the team with 41 steals during the 1981-82 season . . . Her 80 assists was second highest on the squad . . . Averaged 3.0 points and 2.8 rebounds per game last year . . . One of five seniors on the team this year . . . Transferred from Cook County Junior College where she averaged 8 points and 2 rebounds per game sophomore year . . . A three-sport athlete at Edgewood High School . . . Lettered in basketbal, hockey and softball . . . An all-County first team selection her junior year and second team her senior year in basketball . . . Averaged 11 points and 10 rebounds per game final prep year.



30 treasure thomas

5-11, FRESHMAN FORWARD, DERIDDER, LA.: A very strong player who can play either forward or center depending on where she is needed the most . . . Has excellent defensive skills and should see a lot of playing time early in the season . . . The MVP in District 3-AAA at DeRidder High School last year as the Lady Dragons finished second in the state tournament . . . In her four years the Dragons compiled an impressive 108-27 record and 46-4 district record and made the state play-offs every year . . . Also a four-year letterman in softball earning all-State honors . . . High School activities and honors kept her busy through her high school career . . . She carried a 3.7 GPA . . . Was selected to Who's Who . . . Student Council member . . . Juniorette Club . . . Editor of the school newspaper . . . Crowned "Yambilee Princess" after winning Yambilee Beauty Pageant.

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5-6, JUNIOR GUARD, LONGVIEW, TX.: Came to Centenary after a two-year successful stay at Kilgor Junior College . . A very hard-nosed defensive player who will work hard and add to the chemistry of the team . . . Needs only to learn the system to bid for starting assignment . . . At Kilgore she averaged 13.8 points per game sophomore year . . . Honor Society student with a 3.94 GPA while at Kilgore . . . At Pine Tree High School she was an all-District selection . . . Averaged 14 points per game her final prep year . . . A two-year letterman at Odessa High School freshman and sophomore year . . . Was named all-East Texas honorable mention and all-District 1-AAAA her sophomore year.

zebber satcher 34

6-0, SENIOR CENTER, SALINE, LA.: Probably the most physically gifted player on the team . . . Stepped in last year and was truly outstanding . . . Voted team captain of the Centenary Ladies for the 1982-83 season . . . Second leading scorer for the Ladies last year with a 16.0 scoring average . . . Also pulled down 10.5 rebounds per game . . . Along with teammate Nancy Hultquist she was one of only two players to play in all 32 games last year . . . Shot .610 per cent from the floor and an amazing .836 from the free throw line . . . Scored 512 points on the year to lead the team . . . Scored 11.9 points per game while at Panola Junior College . . . Panola was ranked fifth nationally her sophomore year and she was selected to the all-conference first team her sophomore year . . . Voted all-State at Saline High School where she was also tabbed MVP of District 6-C her final prep year.

cathy lilley 35

5-9, JUNIOR FORWARD, CROWLEY, LA.: A hardworking and enthusiastic newcomer who should prove to be a factor inside for the Ladies . . . A two-year letterman at Crowley High School where she led her team to a district championship her senior year . . . Averaged 12 points and 8.9 rebounds per game final prep year . . . Crowley reached the state quarter-finals in both her junior and senior seasons . . . Earned all-Acadia Parish honors final year . . . Graduated sixth in her class with a 3.89 GPA . . . Member of the National Honor Society . . . Selected to the Midland Spectacular all-tournament team junior year . . . Honored with the Highest Athletic Academic Award senior year . . . Was also Who's Who among American High School Athletes.

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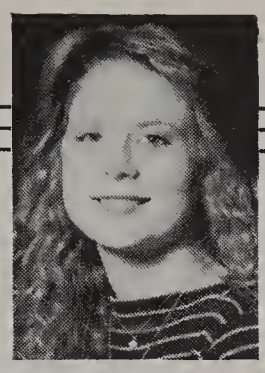

wendy thomas 42

5-8, SOPHOMORE FORWARD, BENTON, LA.: Will be used at the small forward or guard slot this year . . . Is an important cog in the Ladies attack . . . A very deceptive player who appears to work in slow motion but does an excellent job taking care of her business . . . A team player all the way . . . Played in all 32 games last year while averaging 5.0 points and 3.0 rebounds per game . . . Handed out 45 assists last year . . . A two-time all-Stater at Plain Dealing where she had a 17 point per game average her senior year . . . Plain Dealing finished 25-7 her final prep year . . . Was instrumental in stopping Trinity Heights' 83 game winning streak scoring 26 points and grabbing 18 rebounds senior campaign . . . Teammate of Teresa Slack in high school.

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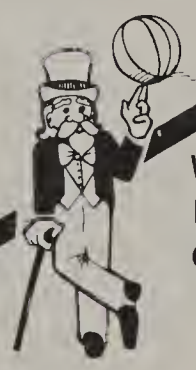

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On May 1, 1980 the membership of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) mandated the incorporation of championship events for women into the Association. On August 1, 1982 the Centenary College Women's Athletic Program joined the NAIA and became a member eligible for all championship events.

"We're extremely happy to be in an organization that allows us to compete for a national championship," Centenary's Athletic Director Walt Stevens said after becoming a member of the NAIA. "We will be able to compete in all of our women's sports (Basketball, Tennis, Gymnastics) for the national title."

In early October head women's basketball coach Joe St. Andre and Stevens attended a meeting at Bellhaven College in Jackson, Miss., for the purpose of structuring the NAIA District 30 members for all championship events.

However, when it came to basketball there was a problem because most of the schools had already confirmed their schedules for the 1982-83 season. As it turned out the Ladies only played one team in District 30, Louisiana College.

Therefore, the District chose three other NAIA schools that were on the Ladies schedule to count toward the required eight games to qualify for the regional basketball tournament in March. They are Arkansas Tech, Wiley College, and William Carey. The Ladies will play each school once at home and once on the road.

The four other teams in District 30 are Dillard University, Southern of New Orleans, Xavier University, and Louisiana College. Each team will play a total of eight games.

"This makes it very worthwhile for us," St. Andre said after returning from the meeting at Bellhaven. "By competing in a national tournament it gives our girls something to shoot for. It's hard to play a 20 game plus schedule and not have anywhere to go."

District 30 is divided up into two divisions, the east and west. The winner of District 30 will host the Regional play offs in 1983. The National Championship will be held in Kansas, March 17-19 this year.

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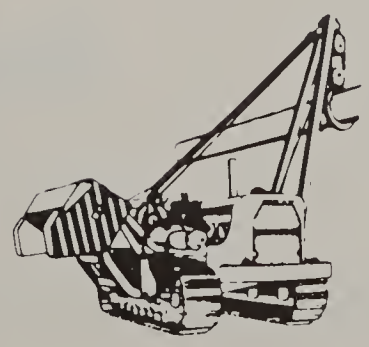

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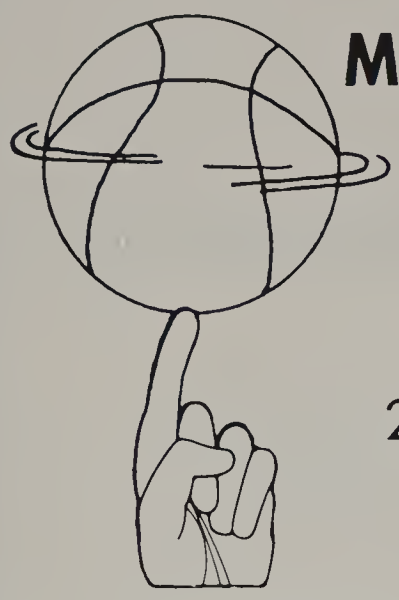

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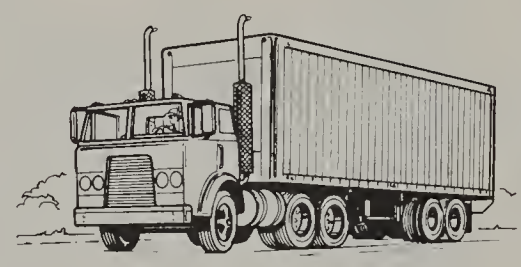

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Steadman's T-Shirt night give away

9

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Louisiana Tech

18

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20

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8

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Wiley College
(Men) 7:45 p.m.
Northeast Louisiana

13

(Women) 5:30 p.m.
Hardin-Simmons
(Men) 7:45 p.m.
Houston Baptist U.
Shreveport-Bossier Chamber of Commerce Night

15

(Women only) 7:30 p.m.
Arkansas Tech

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24

(Men only) 7:45 p.m.
Georgia Southern
Barksdale Night

17

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(Women) 5:30 p.m.
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W. JACKSON	14-14	126-264	.477	73-102	.715	54-2	18	45	14	22	141-10.1	325-23.2
E. BONNER	14-14	75-135	.555	45-70	.642	51-4	15	38	23	16	97-6.9	195-13.9
R. HURD	14-14	82-181	.453	9-14	.642	37-0	35	37	1	30	40-2.8	173-12.3
A. THOMAS	14-4	44-84	.523	18-44	.409	37-1	13	29	1	16	73-5.2	106-7.6
V. HUGHES	11-10	32-79	.405	17-26	.653	32-3	18	30	5	19	34-3.1	81-7.4
N. BYRDSONG	14-14	28-57	.491	19-35	.542	29-1	70	43	1	17	29-2.1	75-5.3
R. TAYLOR	13-0	14-42	.333	13-16	.812	27-0	13	9	0	12	13-1.0	41-3.1
R. BAILEY	11-0	7-21	.333	9-16	.562	7-0	2	3	0	4	15-1.4	23-2.1
L. GEORGE	3-0	1-6	.166	3-4	.750	0-0	1	2	0	1	4-1.3	5-1.6
E. WOODARD	9-0	5-13	.385	4-8	.500	8-0	2	1	1	0	8-0.8	14-1.5
J. BEAUBOUEF	7-0	1-10	.100	3-5	.600	6-0	1	7	2	2	7-1.0	5-0.7
T. SCHMIDT	11-0	2-15	.133	3-6	.500	21-1	11	8	1	4	4-0.3	7-0.6
G. SMITH	6-0	0-4	.000	3-5	.600	7-0	2	1	0	1	6-1.0	3-0.5
C. WEAVER	5-0	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	5-0	1	2	0	0	0-0.0	2-0.4
GENT TOT.	14-14	418-914	.457	219-351	.623	321-12	202	255	49	144	513-36.6	1055-75.3
OPP. TOT.	14-14	409-785	.521	242-370	.654	329-19	228	336	42	91	560-40.4	1060-75.7

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Game by Game Results

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	SITE/ATT	LEADING SCORER	REBOUNDER
11-27-82	MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE	W, 85-68	DOME/1,594	JACKSON--20	JACKSON--9
11-29-82	SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	L, 73-76	AWAY/2,100	JACKSON--29	JACKSON--12
12-1-82	SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIV.	L, 75-76	AWAY/1,255	JACKSON--30	JACKSON--7
12-4-82	UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS	L, 51-79	DOME/4,023	BONNER--13	JACKSON--8
12-6-82	OUACHITA BAPTIST	W, 81-66	DOME/1,175	HURD--21	THOMAS--12
12-9-82	LOUISIANA TECH	W, 69-65	DOME/2,274	JACKSON,BONNER--20	JACKSON--13
12-11-82	NORTH TEXAS STATE UNIV.	L, 93-113	AWAY/1,870	JACKSON--28	JACKSON--12
12-18-82	SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	W, 96-79	DOME/1,870	BONNER--24	BONNER--15
12-20-82	LOUISIANA COLLEGE	W, 81-62	DOME/2,180	BONNER--22	JACKSON--13
1-5-83	LOUISIANA TECH	L, 59-78	AWAY/3,650	JACKSON--14	BONNER--10
1-8-83	NORTHEAST LOUISIANA	W, 99-85	DOME/3,225	JACKSON--34	JACKSON--18
1-13-83	*HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIV.	L, 53-58	DOME/2,419	JACKSON--22	JACKSON--14
1-15-83	OKLAHOMA STATE UNIV.	L, 65-78	AWAY/5,200	JACKSON--29	BONNER--7
1-17-83	*NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIV.	L, 75-77	AWAY/1,847	JACKSON--27	JACKSON--9

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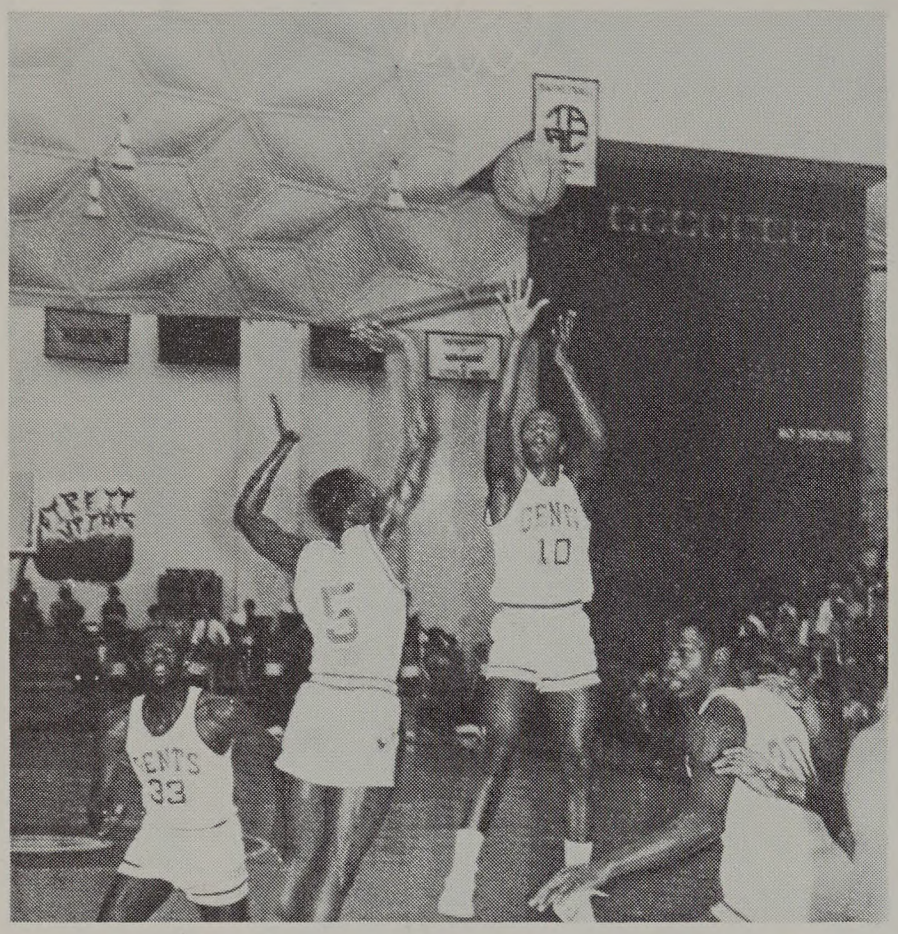

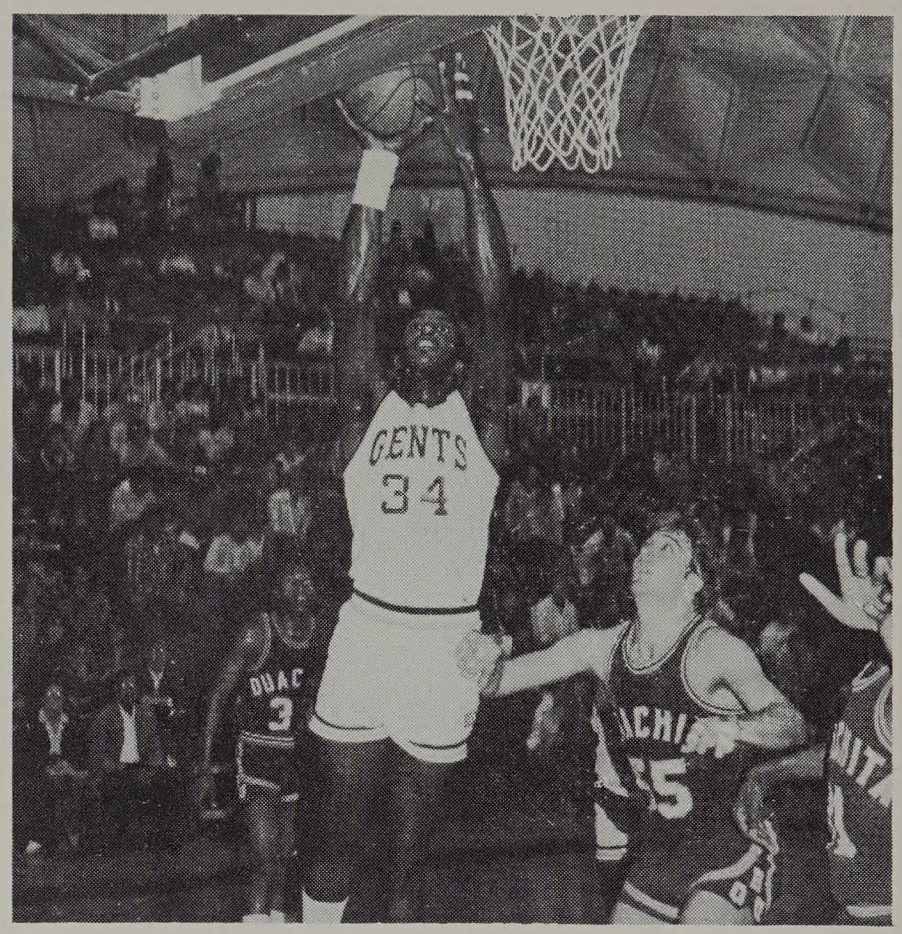

Reggie Hurd (#10 in photo left) and Eric "Bad News" Bonner (#34 in photo right) have been very instrumental in the Gents success this year. Hurd is averaging 12.9 points per game and leads the team in steals with 30. Bonner is averaging 13.9 points (8th in the TAAC) and 6.9 rebounds per game. Hurd is a sophomore from Dallas, Tx., while Bonner is a junior from Shreveport, La.

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